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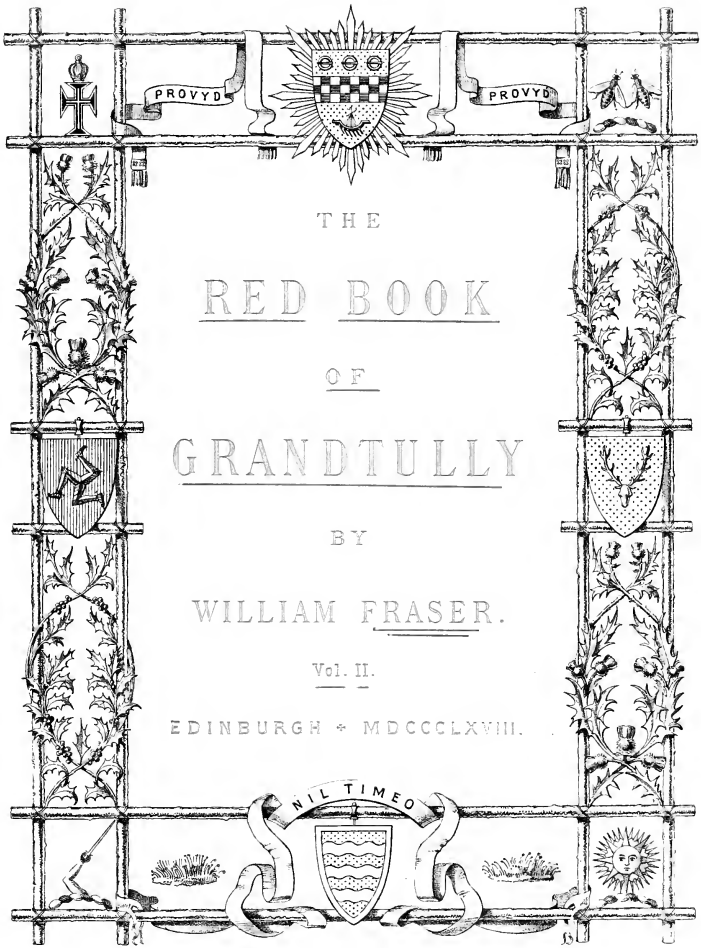

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69. KING JAMES V. to [THOMAS SCOTT of Petgormo,] Lord Justice-Clerk. 25th June [1538].

REX.

Justice Clerk,—It is our will, and we charge zov that, incontinent efter the sicht hereof, ze resaue sufficient catioun and souerte off Vilzame Forbes off Corsindavy and Robert Lummisdane of Madlor, athir of thame, vnder the paine off twa thowsand merkis, that thai sall compeir befor our Justice or his Deputis quhen and quhar we ples, vpoun XV dais warning, to vndirly our lawis for sic crimis as we haiff to la to thair charge, and mak ane act of our adiornale thair vpoun in form as afferis; and the said sourte being fund, that ze cause thame to be deliuerit fwrtht off our ward in Edinburcht, to pas, if thai ples, as ze will ansuer to ws thair vpoun: Kepand this our wryting for zour warrand. Subscriuit vith our hand and onder our singuet at Sanct Androis, the XXV day of Junij, aud off our ringe the XXV zeir.

70. King James V. to the Chancellor, President, and Lords of Council. 8th December [1538].

Rex.

Chancellare, Presedent, and Lordis of our counsale,—It is oure will, and for certane resonable caussis and considerationis moving ws, we charge zow straitlie, and commandis that incontinent eftir the sycht heirof ze caus our Justice Clerk or his Deputis to ressaue sufficient cautioun and souirte in our adiornale, of oure cousing Johne Lord Forbes and William maister of Forbes, his sone, that thai sall nocht eschew, nor departe furtht of, our castell of Edinburcht, as in our fre ward, vndir the pane of ten thowsand merkis, vnto the tyme we gif vthir command in the contrair; and the said souirte being fundin, that ze caus the capitane, constable, and keparis of our said castell to deliuer and put thaim furtht of strait ward (to fre ward within the samyn) and boundis thairof, vndir the keping of the said capitane, as ze will do ws grete plesour and ansuer to ws thairupoun. Subscriuit with oure hand, and vndir our signett, at Falkland, the viii day of December, and of our regne the xxv zeir.

James R.

71. James second Earl of Arran, Regent of Scotland, to [Thomas Bannatyne or Bellenden of Auchinoul,] Lord Justice-Clerk. 5th August 1543.

Gubernator.

Justice Clerk,—We grete zou wele. Forsamekill as oure cousing, Williame Lord Sympill become cautioun and souirte to vmquhile oure souerane Lord that last decessit, quham God assoilze and zou in his name, that Robert maister of Sympill, his sone, suld nocht returne, repare, nor cum within this realme nor the realme of France, without licence of oure said souerane Lord had and obtenit thairupoun, vndir the pane of tressone, as ane act in the bukis of

adiornale maid thairupoun mair fullelie proportis; howbeit, as is cleirlie vndirstand to ws, the said Robert, in oure said souerane Lordis tyme, come within this realme, and als within the realme of France, his Graces licence nocht obtenit thairto, quhairthrow oure said cousing, as souirte foirsaid, hes incurrit the saidis panis, neuirtheles oure Souerane Lady the Quenis grace, with avis of ws, for the gude, trew, and thankfull seruice done to hir and ws be oure said cousing and his sone foirsaid, hes remittit and forgevin to thame the saidis panis, and dischargeit thame thairof, as the lettres of remit and discharge maid to thame thairupoun beris: Oure will is, heirfore, and we charge zow, that, incontinent eftir the sicht heirof, ze deleit and put furtht of zoure bukis all actis maid in the said mater anent the saidis panis, swa that the samyn haue na effect in tyme cuming, as ze will ansuer to ws thairupoun: Kepand this oure writing for zoure warrand. Subscriuit with oure hand at Edinburgt, the fyfit day of August, the zeir of God j^{m} v^{c} XLIII zeris.

SEAL.

[Dorso] Mandatum Domini Gubernatoris penes deletionem et abrogacionem istius acti confecti per Dominum Sympill.

72. The SAME to [Sir JOHN BELLENDEN of Auchinoul,] Lord Justice-Clerk. 3d March [15]47.

JUSTICE CLERK,—Ze sall rasaif souirte of the lard of Dalhussy, vnder the panis of ten l^{m} lib., to remain within the boundis of Fyf indurynd my Lord

Gouernour will. Item, that his sone and air salbe bund to keip the hous of Dalhussy fra all inimies, sa lang as possibill is, and salbe reddy and obedient to my Lord Gouernour, as he sall ples to giue command and charge. Item, that the said zoung Lard and air salbe reddy to serf my Lord Gouernour with all folkis, freindis, tennandis, quhen he beis requirit. Item, that the said ald Lard sall enter again in the castell of Edinburcht, or of Blaknes, within iij dayis nyxt efter he be chargit, and extend this in the best and surest manner: Of Edinburcht, the iij day of Merche, anno xlvij. JAMES G.

Quarto mercii anno. The Lord Borthuik, for vi^{m}li; John of Elphistoun, i^{m}li; Richart Matland of Lethington, i^{m}li; John Sinclair of Hirdmanston, i^{m}li; James Hereot [of] Trabren, i^{m}v^{c}; the Lord Borthuik, Dalhussy, and his son to releif, the fore the lard of Dalhussy and his son to releif.

73. The SAME to the SAME.—4th March 1547.

GUBERNATOR.

Justice Clark,—Ze sall tak the lardis of Leythingtoun, Elphinstoun, Dundas, and Trabroon, sicker suertes for sa mony as thay sall geif zou, in lew of the lardis of Ormistoun seruandis, ilk ane to be enterit again to zow, vpon the xij day of Merche instant, within the Castell of Edinburcht, vnder the pane of ony persoun absent i^{c} merkis, money of this [realm.] Subscrivit with our hand, at Edinburcht, the feyrd day of Merche, the zeir of God j^{m} v^{c} and xlvij zeris. JAMES G.

Apud Edinburcht, quarto Mercii anno 1547.—John Lord Borthwik, souerte for the entre of John Maithason to the Justice Clerk, in the Tolbuith of Edinburtht, the xij day of Merche instant, vnder the pane of j^{c} merkis.

James Hireot of Trabrovn, for John Kelle in Ormystoune to compeir vnder the pane of j^{c} merkis.

74. The SAME to the SAME.—18th March 1549.

GUBERNATOR.

Justice Clerk,—Forsamekle as we haue remittit and forgevin to our louit Alexander Oliphant of Kelle the sowmes, panis, and vnlawis in quhilkis he wes adiugeit in ane court of iusticiarie, haldin in the tolbuith of Edinburgh, the thrid day of Merche instant, for nonentering of Florimont Strang in Kelle, Wa[lter] Andersoun in Bellistoun, William Fogo, Johne Smytht, James Smytht, and George Greg, in the saidis tolbuith, the foirsaid day, to haue vnderlyne the law before the iustice or his Deputis, for certane crymes committit vpoun the priores of Northberwik, as at mair lenth is contenit in ane of the bukis of adiornale maid thairupoun, heirfore we charge zow straitlie and commandis that, incontinent this our precept sene, ze deleit fre of the buikis of adiornale the act quhair the said Alexander Oliphant wes vnlawit for nonentering of the saidis personis, the saidis day and place, swa that the samyn tak na effect in tyme cuming: Kepand this our precept for zour warrand. Subscriuit with our hand at Edinburgh, the xviii day of Merche, the zere of God j^{m} v^{c} and xlix zeris.

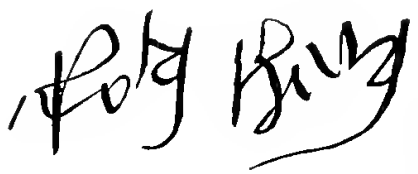
JAMES G.

JOANNES, The^{s}

75. Mr. ROBERT RICHARDSON, Commendator of St. Mary's Isle, Treasurer of Scotland, to the SAME. 1st December 1565.

JUSTICE CLERK and zour Deputis,—Forsamekle as I have ressauit the sowme of fourtye pundis in compositioun of the thre vnlawis of the persones vndir writtin, quhairin Dauid Symmer, burges of Edinburcht, wes adiugeit for non productioun of our Soueraunis lettres, dewlie execute and indorsat, vpoun

Dauid Traill, Andro Smytht, and Dauid Fyffe, in the court haldin befoir zow the xxvii day of Nouember last by past. Heirfor ze sall caus be deleit furtht of the buikis of adiornale all actis contenit thairin concerning the said Dauid Symmer, or vtheris quhatsumeuir, anent the vnlawis foirsaidis, becaus I have ressauit full compositioun of the vnlawis foirsaidis: Kepand this precept for zour warrand. Subscriuit with my hand at Edinburcht, the first day of December, the zer of God j^{m} v^{c} lxv zeris.



76. King James VI. to Sir Thomas Stewart of Grandtully.
23d March [*c.* 1580].

Grantullye,—I hawe nowe taken occasioun, vpone the accidentill deathe of zour cowsin, Johne Stewart, to renew vnto zow, be thir few lynes of my awin hand, my auld requeist for my serwand, and zour brother, William Stewart, for sen that nowe there is ne vther vorthye man on lywe in that place off succeidding vnto zow, it apperis weill that it is cummid of God, quha will hawe nane bot the narrest and wordhiest of zour kinne to succeid vnto zow. Ze remember how oft, and how earnistlye, I delt with zow lang syne in this mater, and how monye fair promissis ze maid me then, and thairfoir sen God hes now remowed all impedimentis, quhilkis at that tyme ze culd hawe alleiget, I looke without anye farder delaye to be satisfeit in my auld requeist, now renewit vnto zow. I hawe no vther budde to giff zow to mowe zow to grant my dissyre bot the assurence off my constant good will in all zour honest adois, and speciallye that I sall compell the Erll of Atholl to do resson vnto zow, quhairin I hawe mair particularlie commandit my said serwand

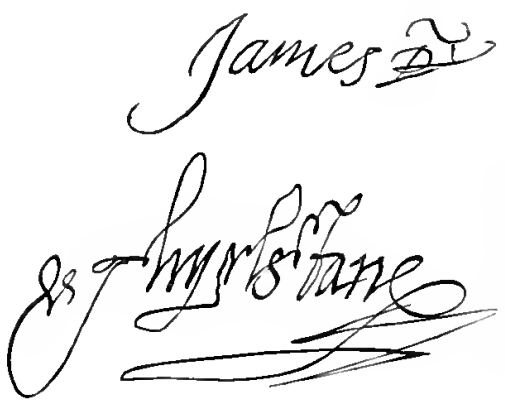
to informe zow, quha, giff ze wse him weill in this, wilbe the meitest agent that ze can imploye at court for zour affaires. Giff any, that luiffes nather me nor zow weill, vald think to outschate me in this requeist, I hoip ze will preferr zour freindis to zour fois, and will maist respecte thair satisfactioun quha, giff ze behawe zour selff veil in this, can and vill do zow greittest plesour, and giff ze did otherwayes behowed to think that ze accompt to lyk off thair requeistes; bot assuring my selff of the contrer, I bid zow hertlie fairveill. From Halerudhous, the xxiii of Merche. JAMES R.

77. WARRANT by KING JAMES VI. in favour of SIR THOMAS STEWART of Grandtully. 12th March 1586.

REX.

We, be the tennour heirof, for certane causs and considerationis moving ws, grantis and gevis licence to our louit, Sir Thomas Stewart of Grantulie, Knycht, to remane at hame in his awin dwelling houss of Grantulie and Garth, as alsua to repair to our presens, and vtherwayis to resort to and fra in the cuntre, as our fre liege, in tyme cuming, at his pleasour; and, siclyke, to keip, and caus be retenit and kepit be him self and his seruandis in his name, the saidis houss, places, and fortalices of Grantulie and Garth, at all tymes heireftir, nochtwithtstanding our vtheris lettres, rasit at the instance of our Thesaurare and his Deputtis, and of our rycht traist cousing and counsalour, Dauid Erll of Craufurd, and charge gevin be vertew thairof, or ony vtheris oure lettres or chargeis, actis, statutis, or proclamationis maid, or to be maid and direct in the contrair, quhairanent and all panis contenit thairin we dispens be thir presentis, decerning and declaring be the same presentis that the said Sir Thomas, nor na vtheris keparis and detenaris of the saidis houss in his name, sall on na wayis be callit nor accusit for keping and deteining of the samyn; nayther he for notentre of his persoun in ward within ony our

castellis, conforme to our saidis vtheris lettres, and charge gevin be vertew thairof, sall incur ony skaytht or dangeare in his or thair personis, landis, or gudis; exonering thame be thir presentis of all pane and dangeare that thay may incur thairthrow for euir: Dischargeing all our iugeis and ministeris of our lawis, shireffis, stewartis, prouestis, and baillies of our burrowis of all molesting, troubling, apprehending, or in ony wayes proceding aganis the said Sir Thomas and vtheris keparis of his saidis houss, and for the causs forsaidis dischargeis thaim of thair offices in that part be thir presentis. Gevin vnder oure signet, and subscriuit with our hand at Dalkeith, the XII day of Marche, and of oure regnne the twenty zeir, 1586.



78. LETTER by KING JAMES VI. in favour of SIR WILLIAM STEUART of Banchra, Knight. 16th May 1604.

WE, be the tennour heiroff, for certane causs moving ws, haue frielie discharged, and be thir presentis discharges, to our trusty seruitour, Sir William

Steuart of Banchra, Knight, gentilman of our priuie chalmer, the few mailles, caynis, customes, and deutyes of all and haill the landis, lordship, and barony of Straybran, off the crope and year of God j^{m} sex hundreth and fourt yearis: Discharging heirfoir our compttrollar, chamberlanis and vnderessavers off all trubling, ressaving or craving of our said seruitour, his aires, or the tennentis and possessouris of the landis of the said lordship, for the few mailles, caynis, customes, and others deutyis of the same landis quhatsoeuir, for the crope and yeir of God forsaid, dischargeing thame thairoff and of thair offices in that part. Gevin at our Court in Whythall, the xvi day off Maij 1604.

79. Letter by King James VI. in favour of the Same, now designated apparent of Grandtully. 8th June 1607.

James R.

Forsomuche as it is vnderstand to ws that the Steilbow goodis and aittis belonging to our landis and barony of Strabrande ar still extant on the ground, and in the possessioun of our tenentis thairof, and that the same being permitted to continow thair vntaiken away or transported, may boith be helpfull to the laboring of the ground, and to our seruitour, Sir Williame Steuart, appeirand of Grantullie, gentilman of our priuie chalmer, feware of our saidis landis and barony of Strabrand, Thairfoir we, by these presentis, grantis, gevis, and disponis to the said Sir Williame, our fewar foirsaid, all and haill the same Steilbow goodis and aittis of Strabrand, to be reteanit still vpoun the ground thairof, keipit, vsed, and disponit vpoun be him, in tyme cuming, at

his pleasour. Wheranent these presentis salbe vnto him a sufficient warrand. Gevin at our Courte in Greynewiche, the eight day of Junij 1607.

80. KING JAMES VI. to the SAME, now of Grandtully. 2d April 1610.

JAMES R.

Trustie and weilbeloved, we greite yow weill. Whereas we have appointed a meiting of the church of that kingdome to be at our cittie of Glasgow, the viijth of Junij nixt; in regarde of your knowne affection and love to the weill and peace of that church, and of the manie good proofes we have had of your forwardnes in our service, we have therevpon made particuler choice of you, whose presence wilbe very requisitt at that meiting: Not doubting but that vpon this advertisement both yow will address your self thither, and doe thereat no lesse good offices then we expect at your handis; of which we will ever be myndfull, and so bidis you fareweill. From our Court at Whitehall, the 2 of Aprile 1610.

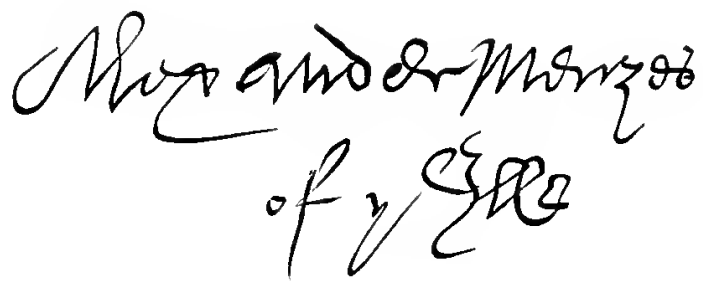
To oure trustie and weilbeloued Sir Williame Steuart of Garnetully.

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC LETTERS.

81. Alexander Menzes of that Ilk to [Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully].
8th June [*c.* 1590].

Rycht Honerabell and sester barnes, efter maist hartle commendationes: For samekell as ze sall wet that my men off Tolledonel hes not mosses bot within zou: Quharfor I man desyr zou eifectusle to grant tham mos lef, and thai sall satefe the tenendis, that ze sall nocht her thair complant, as I sall be rede to do zou the lyk plesour, as I awcht of dewte. Thes I belef ze well do for my request, and sua well commet zou to God. From Weeme, the viii of June, be

Zouris assurit sester barnes,



To the rycht honorabell and sesster barnes, the Laird of Garntelle.[1]

82. David Lord Scone to Sir William Stewart of Strathbran, Knight.
19th February [1608].

Brother,—My verie hartlie commendationis rememberit. Becaus Patrik Dunbaris tuentye libs., quhilk [he] hes zeirlie furtht of the landis of Straythtbrane,

[1] Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, to whom this letter is addressed, was the son of William Steuart of Grandtully and the Lady Elizabeth Stewart, daughter of John third Earl of Athole. The writer of the letter was the son of Lady Barbara Stewart, sister of Lady Elizabeth. Alexander Menzes and the Laird of Grandtully were thus sisters' bairns.

is not onlie allowit in chekker, as he hes sene him self, bot hes bene, also, thir money zeiris bygane, in possessioun of the samyne, as ze knaw zour self. He sayes he wantis the Witsonday and Mertymes termes of the sax hunderytht and sevin zeiris, quhilk ze sall pay him, and the samyne sall be allowit to zow maist thankfullie. Swa resting maist hartlie, I commit zow to God his holie protectioun. I pray zow faill not to pay him presentlie, seing it is allowit in cheiker, and keip this preceipt for zour warrand. I gave zow ane preceipt afoir to serve for his lyftyme for payment thairof.

Zour brother and assurit freind, in the auld maner,

Edinburgh, this xix of February.

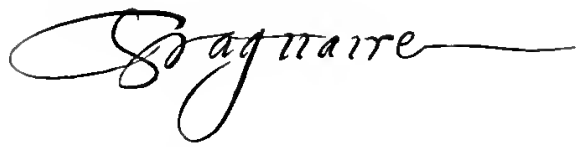
To the rycht honorabill his awin brother and assurit freind,
Sir Williame Stewart of Straythtbrane, Knycht.

83. JOHN FIRST EARL OF TRAQUAIRE to SIR THOMAS STEWART, fiar of Grandtully. 23d May [1638].

CUSINE,—The Marquis of Hamiltone is cuming doune his Maiesteis Commissonar, and is to be at Dalkythe, the fyft of Junij, quhair I intend to attend him, not only for the respect I aught to my Maiesties Commissionar, but for the personall obligatioune I haue to him self: And becaus I hear your father's indispositioune of healthe will not suffer him to cum abrode, I must be so troubilsome unto yow, as to desyr yow to be with me at Dalkythe, the fourt

of Junij, as I sall ever be ready, in any thing may concerne yow, to witnes that I am,

Your faithfull freind,



Edinburgh, May 23.

To my woorthie and much respected cousine, Sir Thomas Stewart, fiar of Gartintillie.

84. ARCHIBALD EIGHTH EARL (afterwards MARQUESS) OF ARGYLL to SIR THOMAS STEWART, fiar of Grandtully. 4th June 1639.

RIGHT ASSURIT FREIND,—Albeit thair hes bene divers misreports maid of your unwillingnes to further the cause now in hand, being the defence of the religioun, croun, and cuntrie, zit trewlie the experience I haue had formerlie of zow, gives me assurance that ze will nevir suffer zourselff nor zour familie to be brandit with such foule aspersiouns. These are, thairfore, earnestlie to request zow not onlie for zour selff, bot that be zour example all vyther gentlmen may be encouragit, with all diligence, to performe the ordours given you be the Lord Generall and some of the estaitis of this kingdome, quhich I doubt not are come to zour knowledge. In doing quhairof, as ze sall approve zour selff to God, zour conscience and cuntrie, so shall ze obleige me evir to remaine,

Zour assurit freind,

Stirling, 4 Junij 1639.

To my right assurit freind, Sir Thomas Stewart, fear of Grantullie,—This.

85. James fifth Earl (afterwards Marquess) of Montrose to the Laird of Gairntillie [Sir William Steuart]. 7th June 1639.

Honorabil and louing freind,—Hauing desyred the Earle of Atholl to bring vith him all the forces of highland men he can gett for this expedition, these are to desyre yow to accompany him vith all the people that yow can possibly make to come alongst under his command. As for these that are unwilling and refractarye, he has warrand to take such order vith them as he shall think expedient. So hoping yow will be most carefull and diligent to send your people, and that they come willingly, rather than to be compelled,

I am, your most affectionat freind,

From Dunnottar, the 7 of June 1639.

For my honorabil and louing freind, the Laird of Gairntjlle,—These.

86. Archibald eighth Earl (afterwards Marquess) of Argyll to Sir Thomas Stewart, fiar of Grandtully. 30th May 1640.

Worthie and assurit friend,—Heareing how hardlie ze are taxed heir be the Generall and Committee for not giveing satisfactione to thair ressonabill desyres in going on to obey the commoun instructiones for subscriveing the generall band, and doeing such other thingis as wer requyred thairby, I thought good,

out of my respect and interest to zow, to desyre zow, in tyme befor thair be some hard cowrse taken with all such as are refractayrie in this kynd, to give content to the Estaitis, and the rather that I be not chairged with any thing which mey prove greivous to my friendis; for if I be commandit be the Estaitis and Generall to doe any thing for forderance of the commoun cawse, I most obey, as I am tyed in dewtie. Zour brother Laweris knowis partly how bussines gois, therfore I wishe ze be advysed with him how to cary zour selff in thir dangerous tymes, and wherein I can, (this being done,) sall approve my selff,

Zour assurit good friend,

A. Argyll.

Edinburgh, penult. Maij 1640.

For my worthie and assurit friend, Sir Thomas Stewart, fiar of Grantully,—
These.

87. Sir William Steuart of Grandtully to his son, Sir Thomas Steuart, Knight, fiar of Grandtully. 28th July 1640.

Sone,—I haue ressauitt zour letter, and perceawis therby the hard dealling of William Steuartt with zow, and as I wrett to zow of beffoir, I would haue zow to miskeane him, and haue nothing adoe with him, and becaus Mr. Harrie hes told me thatt his mother, Bessie Lamb, would tak the fourttie pundis and giff back my tikitt againe, I haue send itt to zow with this bearrer to giue her, allbeitt I mey hardlie spaire itt att this tyme, thatt zie mey send home zour coffer againe. As for the thousand merkis thatt zie wrett to me to giue zow att zour home cumming, in guid fayth I haue nocht so much as will doe my awin turnes att this tyme heir, quhilk if I had zie sould gett itt. If zie be rememberitt, I told zow whatt moneyis I haue giuen frae me att this last terme,

quhilk I repentt now, and cannott gett ane pennie heir frae anie thatt is awin me, nor to borrow neither. There is one Capttaine Sibbett heir that we must all adwance so much money to him, quhilk, I think, sould be wnder the Earll of Atholl, in Captaine Pollock his pllace. I sentt to the Laird off Inchmerttein to haue lentt me ane thousand pundis, wpone guid securittie, for peymentt of annualrentt, bott could nocht gett itt, albeitt I lentt him aft tymes of beffoir; bott he send me word he sould gett me ane thousand pundis, outt of Dundie, wpone guid securittie, quhair zie wrett to me thatt the Generall merwellis meikell thatt I send not ane of my sones to attend wpone him; and to send zour brother James ower, when hardlie I cane gett moneyis to give them thatt I mane send ower, dayllie laying more and mor wpone ws; and albeitt James would goe ower, zie knaw he hes nocht ane horse abell to trawell quhaire zie wreitt to me. There is ane act of Parliamentt quhilk Mr. Harie hes schawin me, thatt all thatt hes moneyis conceillitt, and will nocht len itt outt to the wse of the publict, the reweiller of it sall haue the half of itt. As for my self, I caire nocht whatt they mey doe; they sall haue pattent dores open, whomever they please to send to reape and sie quhatt they find; and I doubt nocht bott they will leawe me some thing to leiw wpone, according to my esteatt. I knaw weill zie are nocht certtaine of zour awin dyatt till the Earll of Argyll come to Edinburgh, quilk I heir will nocht be zitt this aucht dayes. Zie wreitt to me zie are catione for Mr. Jhone Steuartt of Clunie, and for Johne Steuartt of Fandynottis, quhilk, indeid, zie could doe noe les for zour creditt, and I hoip zie will be in noe danger for thatt. As quhair zie wreitt thatt the Earle of Atholl is zour onlie enimie, I luikitt newer for better, and zie knaw itt was againis my will thatt zie was so greatt with him, butt doe the best zie mey for zour self now. Hauing nocht farder for the presentt, butt remittis the rest to the bearer, quhilk I thoucht sould nocht come to zow att this tyme, wer nocht the Comittie heir woittitt all in one woice to haue him to conwoy all the

horsmen to Leith, quhilk I could not gett eschewitt, and haid noe will to be in ther rewerence, and restis zour lowing father,

Sr Thame Steuart of Granttullie

Murthlie, 28th Julli 1640.

To his lowing sone, Sir Thomas Steuartt, fear of Granttullie,—Theis.

88. Archibald Marquess of Argyll to the Laird of Garnetully, younger [Sir Thomas Steuart]. 15th December 1643.

Right Worshipfull,—Being commanded to goe alongs in this journey to England with the General and Committy, seeing I am (God willing) to giv obedience to ther command, I intend to hav at least a troope of good fellows with mee, quho shall hav entertainment as other horse in the army, and being unvilling in this to bee beholdin to any but my owne speciall freinds, among quhom I esteem yow as one, therfor I entreat yow, as I put my confidence in yow, and as I shall bee ready to requyt yow with the lyk, or any other kyndness in my power, that ye may bee pleasit to recommend any of your freinds quho are pretty men, and weel horsed, quho shall not bee troubled with any dewty bot to wait upon my selfe, and your kindnes in this shall never be forgotten by

Your most assured friend,

Edinburgh, the 15th December 1643. A. M. Argyll.

I entreat yow let me know with the bearer quhat I may expect in this, for I expect to hav them all in readines heer aganist the fift of January.

For the right worshipfull the Laird of Garnetully, younger,—Thes.

89. The Same to Sir Thomas Stewart of Grandtully.—17th August 1645.

Loving freind,—I am confident the late disaster our armey receaved will not discourage zow, nor any other honest man, but rather encourage all of [us] to tak mor reall courses then formerly wee hav done, how this rebellioune, that hes now risen wyth hight (beyond all men's expectatioune), may bee suppressed, for quho knows but it pleased God to deal so with us (becaus of some that trusted too much in the arme of flesh), that both his glory and our weaknes may bee the mor evident. Upon some consideratioune I hav resolved to remov my people in your house of Garnetully to Campel. Therfor I am confident ze will doe zour best to secur it zourselfe, and it shall oblidge me to continue, as I hav been,

Zour most affectionat freind to serv zow,

Bruntiland, the 17th of August 1645. A. M. Argyll.

For Sir Thomas Stuart of Garntilly,—Thees.

90. John second Earl of Perth to his third son, the Honourable Sir John Drummond. 22d April 1649.

Sonne,—I perceave be zours that ze have not resaved the lettres I did wreatt wnto zow, which appearantlie hes beine miscaried, for in them I wreat to zow at lenth quhat wes our hard condition in thir pairts, and thairfor desyred that zow would hasten home to tak ordour both with zour owne effairs and ours. I did lykwise direct Mr. James Drummond to borrow the last moneyes quhilkis wer sent to zow, quhairwith I belive he wreat his mynd to zow freilie; quhich gives me assurance that ze will advert to zour frinds good advyse and councell, since zow will find that all quho loves zow sayes bot one thing

tending to zour good, quhich suld mak zow the mor cairful to observe the same; for in good faith this cuntrie is not able to ansuer the charges of zour byding there, althoe, for ocht I hear, zour expenss ar als litle as can be, bot quhair nothing is, nothing can be had: so be all probabilitie zour best will be to reteir in tyme, quhair I hop in God zow may live with no mor truble then others of zour condition does. It is weil done not to show zourselff particular for any faction, bot onlie willing to do zour king and cuntrie service, and that with als litle ostentation as can be, trusting that zour owne discretion will make zow to advert to zour condition, making that zow do nothing suddenlie or raschlie or quhairof it may repent zow heirefter, bot be weil advysed, taking thair opinion whom ze know loves zow, and ar subbest to zow. I shall desyr zour brother to wreat at greter lenth of everie thing that may concerne zow than I am able to doe for the present my selff; hoping ze will stryve to spend zour tyme weill, and not to suffer zour selff to be misled with conceatts and errours, bot learne in tyme to accomodat zour selff to sik a fortune as it shall please God to bestow on zou, and not to wndoe ather zour bodie or meanes wpon imagination, taking example alwayes of the most verteous and good men, whom zow ocht to imitat and follow, and eschow all prophanes and deboischrie. Recommending zour selff everie wey wnto God, that he would direct zow aricht, and so shall all zour effairs succeid the better. Desyring so long as zow stay ther, that I may hear often from zow, and that quhether ze resave my lettres or not. Thus praying God allwayes to blis and prosper zow till the nixt good opportunitie, I remaine,

Zour loving father,

Perthe.

Drummond, 22d Apryll 1649.

For my welbeloued sone, Sir Jhon Drummond.

91. The SAME to the SAME.—2d May [*c.* 1650].

SONNE,—I hard often, be raport, that zow ar too earnest in beulding and reparing zour hous of Burnbank, which should reather be zour exerciss when zow ar satled with a halfnarrow, then now, when zour cheifest cair and peans should tend to be red of debts, and burdings, whilkis ondois manie men befoir they ar at awars. I gat this counsell giuein to me long ago be my best freinds, and obeyed itt the best I could, be provyding materialls, or quhat els wes thocht necessar, for the wark I intended. Quhairfoir, I prey zow, taik head to this in tym, for zow haue to do with a slidderie pak, sum of them, both fals and fikkell, promisen iff they can to maik zow quytt Burnbank better chepe then zow bocht itt, which I wisch at God mey newer ly in ther power. Quhairfor stryue to be at a point with them, that the better zow mey be frie of all ther subtell deallings, and gett zour self ons red off debt, which is a consuming thing, for zour band bears annuell, and they will pey zow with suspensions, or sum fals allegenses, iff zow haue ocht to demand from them. I neid sey no moir of this, since I know zow ar maid foirsein off all that I can sey heiranent. Mr. James hes promised to be with zow, so soone as possiblie he can, and will do all that in him lyeth, to gett theas differs with the Muschets to a clois; for he understands the busines verie well, and wil be frie with zow: wherfor use his advyce, and zow will find (I hope) the better success in all theas adois. Zour brother steyis to long afeild, and perchance will no reus him self much of the voyage, for his earrends ar eather deleyed or neglected, which maikis me wisch his spidie retourne. Zow promised to come heir or now, bot thir tyms giues ws a full dispensatione from all performence of trust in mein things, excep streat obligations tyis ws to the contraire. Maik zour awn wse of thir ill scrybled

lyns in heast, and then burne them. Send me word with Gow quhatt zow ar doing, and when zow think for to dismiss zour warkmen. So till new opportunite I remaine,

Zour loueing father,

2 May. PERTHE.

For my welbeloued sonne, Sir Jhon Drummond off Burnbank, Knycht.

92. The SAME to the SAME.—19th June [*c.* 1650].

SONNE,—I receaued zour letters, bot so involued with your accustumed obscuritees, as skers can I taik wp ther meining. Howsoewer, for eschewing of ydill discours, I haue sett doun, in few words, my opinion concerning zour bargans, whilkis I wisch wer ons at a clois, both for zour aun good, and the contentment of zour freinds; for, without a satled esteat, no pairtie of any worth will ewer middill with zow, fearing a volage humor, with lous lying moneys upon bank or wodsett, both being incertaine. For Mr. John of Lenock's professed kyndnes to me, I shall no disappoint his expectatione, in so far as I can; bot I wold loue him the better, if I sa him fordwart in what concerned zour tranquillitie both of body and mynd. The subtilitees of this world I understand no, and when freinds ar reserued, what mey we exspect? All schutting at his aune particular advantage; bot sick forms oftentyms prospers no. Taik head, therfor, to zour self, and lippen littill to what is to be done. In the mein tym, if zow can sett zour desings aright, it will content me excedinglie; and taik head onto this minute, for in treuth I think it zour best, and so dois Mr. James too, whois mynd, iff Mr. Jhon understud, he wold no apperantlie maik great difficultie in accepting my son Roxburgh's securitie in sted of myn, the reather becaus (as he seyis him self), he intends

no to buy land, bot to distribut his moneys amongs his childring, which he mey als easallie doe, the on way as the other, nether can Roxburgh refuis to giue him the lyk securitie as to zour self. Desyr Roxburgh from me, no to be to confident of this seiming fauorable act, bot satisfie his annuells, and deall fairlie with all his creditoris, that he mey gain trust in the cuntrey. Custum chenges, we sie; so on law dings out ane other. Quherfor lett reason haue place, and everie man gett his aune. Alexander Don hes wrettin verie pertinentlie anent this subject to me, and seys he hes told no les to zour brother, wheronto I wish him to advert; and remember on quhatt I told zow about a faithfull counseller to zour brother, for the better acting of his affairs, quhilkis requyrs diligent attendance, both at home and afeild, namlie, about Kelso, the persute wherof wold no be mislippenned, albeit zour brother's right wer newer so good. Lykwys, I heir ther is on Andro Ker of Maisondieu, who is persuen for a pension, and hes obtened decreit, and served inhibitione upon zour ante the Ladye Didop's conjunctfie lands, who will be forced to perseue hir sisters' berns, as aires to ther goodschyr, for hir releiff. This (tho' it seim of mein consequence) wold be looked onto, and tain order with; for *negleeta solent incendia sumere vires*,—this to hold zow in wse of your Latin, which if zour vagin continow, yow will certanlie forgett. Zour man showis that to morrow he must be gon tymlie, which hes maid wrett at greater lenth to zow then I intendit, for eviting the lyk obscuritie, which I chellenged in zour short letter. Only remember to taik awey this onhappie differ betuix brother and good-brother, in so far as zow can, and lett the matter be remitted to freinds. I am wireed in wretting so often anent this subject; bot the gentilmen ar out of porpos wilfull. Commend me to Alexander Don, and tell him that he shall hear from me or it be long; nether will I omit to deall for that agrement als far as I can. In the mein tym (as he wrets), lett him keip constant and trew to Roxburgh, for ther caus who is awey, which heirafter will

tourn to his greater contentment. Now, to conclud, I think it tym zow wer at home, that we might end theas earrends whilkis mainlie concerns zour self. Till which tym, remitting what further I have to sey, my loue and seruice being remembreit to all our speciall freinds, I remaine,

Zour loueing father,

Stobhall, the 19 Juin. PERTHE.

Leat.

For my welbeloueit sonne, Sir Jhon Drummond,—Theas.

93. The SAME to the SAME.—24th January 1652.

SONNE,—We thocht streang why zow should haue steyeit so long in theas pairts, considering quhatt burdings lyis on our peur tenents heir, who can nocht longer subsist iff they gett no that ease which wes promised to them be thir last orders, whereoff we haue ane copie, bot nothing performed as wes conditioned, according as I shall caus William Drummond wret to Mr. James thatt if the commissioners sitt at St. Jhonstoun, he mey trie iff any further eas or allouence will be gottin to our herried tenents and wasted lands. Zit, at least, we mey gett to them sick faueur as others getts. Zour man, James Drummond, cam home zesternight, and hes brocht with him manie fair compliments, bot no monney. Off this we shall talk at meitting. Iff all the sesse be alloued to our tennents thear, they haue no resone to complein; alweys I mynd no to recall quhatt is concludit; only remember quhatt I told zow annent the woodseting of sum lands, as lykwys to gett our roums tennentsted, namlie, that Laystoune. They who brocht me zour letter chellenges my promeis, whereof in trueth I am onmyndfull; zit iff James M'Gruder, who knowis all I spak to them, will affirm the sam, I am contented, desyring the ease zow giue mey be keipit secreit, for manie resons, and that zow be loth to mention converted

bolls, bot only quyts them so meikill, for considerations no to be mentionat at this tym, and that for exempl's caus which mey draue deipper then we ar awer off. Desyr Mr. James to pey that Grame of Bochan, for he is importunlie strik, and with sick men I wisch to haue no medling, others he mey also taik order with als far as our mein portion thear will allow. Be this onsett zow will taik wp a littill how manie annuels that barronie will pey, and how far it will proue beneth the accounts zow amonted itt be zour leat calculatione. In the mein tym lett all differs be satled, taiking what we mey gett, iff further mey no be had, in regard of thir miserable tyms. Desyring that Mr. James mey heastin heather; this looking to sie zow schortlie, at which tym zow shall receaue Argyll's letter. Wishing to zow a good success and saue retourne, I remaine,

Zour loueing father,

PERTHE.

Show Mr. James, as from zourself, that the soonner he red him self of that small monney and pey the most urgent creditors, wilbe the better.

The 24 January 1652.

For my welbelovid sonne, Sir Johne Drumond,—Theis.

94. LADY LILLIES DRUMMOND, COUNTESS OF TULLIBARDINE, to her brother, the HONOURABLE JOHN DRUMMOND.

The 6 of Julie 1654.

DEARE BROTHER,—These are to lett yow know that I am againe on the mending hand, and hopes yeat to live and doe yow seruice, wherby yow may sie how sensibll I am of the care and paines yow now take for ws. Your litll niece is a verrie fine child, and I hope shall bee a verrie hansume womman, she hath good signes of it, yeat; all your frindes, heir away, wer verrie merrie

at her crisning, and drank your health hartlie, both in alle and wine. My lord our father was likwise verrie merrie, and came soe kindlie from Stobhall toe her crisning, and was much pleas'd that it was a girll. My ladie Drummond shou'd a hade hir name, for she was verrie kind to me; but I beg'd her leave that I might give it to my lorde's mother, soe they call her Elizabeth. Yow may tell my ladie Newtone she hath her name from both her grandmothers, and remember my service to her. Soe soone as I am abll, I shall againe write both to her, and to my ladie Dalmash; but I shou'd bee glade to heer from them first. Deare brother, I am much asham'd, and my Lord is much trubll'd that wee shoud bee soe vnabll, at such a time, to furnish yow with monnie; but, vpon my conscience, the condittione of this contrie is soe harde that ther is not a pennie goeing. Yow know your self that all our estates consistes in victuall, and it gives no price, soe that wee have not sold a boll this yeer, yeat; alwayes my lord will doe what hee cane toe gett yow as much as posibllie may bee hade; for I onlie tell yow this that yow may not think it neglect in ws if it come not soe soone to your handes as wee desire, and may bee yow expect. My lord is now in Edenborrow about it, a purpose; hee will give yow ane acompt from thence himself, soe that I shall not need trubll yow annie further with it at this time. I beseech yow, if you cane posibllie spare (when monnie comes to your handes) twelve or fifteene pound sterline, lett Mestres Carr, Mosies wife, have it for some things I have sent for; and if I return it not in monnie, I shall doe as good. But Mes[ter] James and I shall agree and gett it all in monnie to yow, for I know yow have much to do with it now. Forgive this trubll of sealling ane other letter within yours, it is that it may come saif to Mestres Carr, because I have sent, for some thinges for my litll girll, to her, that I cane not gett hier. Remember me to Itall, and tell him I shall doe all that's in my power to get his monnie befor Mertimas, but I cane hardlie promise, monnie is soe ill to be hade; but Sonders Done and I

shall gree that he bee noe mor trubll'd with it.' I am soe tyr'd I cane noe longer hold the pene, soe farewell,

Deare brother,

Your most afectionate sistter and servant,

London—For the right honourabll Sir Johne Drummond, my deare brother, at his lodging in Westmester,—These.

95. ARCHIBALD LORD LORNE (afterwards NINTH EARL OF ARGYLL) to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully. 6th June 1655.

SIR,—I being to giue in Low Land security to the English for my peaceable deportment to the value of fiue thousand pound sterling, I haue wreten to seuerall friends about it that ther may be the lesse difficulty or aprehention of danger, and amongst others I am bold to desire you to be one to bind for me, which shall oblidge,

Your affectionate friend and seruant,

Rosneath, June 6, 1655.

I haue but three weekes time to giue in my security, so be pleased to hast your answer to me to my Lady Murray's Lodging in the Caniget.

For the Laird of Gairntully.

96. The SAME to the SAME.—3d August 1655.

MUCH HONOURED FRIEND,—The bearer will shew you how willing I am to doe euery thing that may tend to your ease and security in that I desire of you. I thinke to be shortly bake in this country, at which time you shall know the particulares, and till then I shall trouble you no further, but rest

Your affectionate friend and seruant,

Alldy, Agust 3, 1655. LORNE.

For the Laird of Gairntully.

97. JAMES LORD DRUMMOND, afterwards THIRD EARL OF PERTH, to his brother, the HONOURABLE JOHNE DRUMMOND. 26th June 1660.

DEARE BROTHER,—Zours of the 12 instant I receav'd the 22th. I was glad to fynd by it zow was safe at Londone. Other letters I had non from zow, nor nobodie els ther this monthe, sav on from George Kinnard quherin was the latter end of May's last diurnall thryce over, but wanted the first sheit, as I lett zour good freind Jam's Butter see, quho is hasting to wait on zow in that place, for his hops being accomplish'd, he can hau no quyett till he see our master (quhom God preserve). I hau no new thing to say from this, but intreats for books and ballads from zow as zee fynd occasione comming home, quhich I beleiv will be hencforth verie frequent. Argyll, we heir, is on his marche thitherward, being twice invited ther by his Majestie, and I think he might hau answered the first send, considering how farre the case is altered sinc they last saw other. I plead still to know how things goe, and quhen zee expect the Princess Royal over, for our sister Tullibardine, hir Lord, and I, will com up together how soon we sall know of hir highness arrywall. Our nephew Gask has robb'd me off zour sword and therfor zee must be pleased

to provyd me a hansome one, longer a litle then the last, and hansomlye monted. I know zee can choose well enewghe, and thus I will nott tak upon me to direct at this distance. I sent zow a letter with one inclosd for my Lord Generall Monck, quhich I hope zee hau receav'd and delyvr'd befor now, for it caried only my joy for his undertakings and the successes that, by God's blissing, follow'd on them. I expect a volum from zow, and therfor will give zow no mor toill in this quhen zee sall know that unalterablie I continow,

Zour most affectionatte brother and humble servant,

I hau wreaten so often to Roxbroughe that I mynd nott to trouble him any more, quherfor zee must tak the more pains and lett me know how his Ladye and hee are. Present my service to good John Towrs our cosen, and tell him he has never zett wreaten to me, quherat I marvell.

Drummond, 26 June 1660.

For the right honourabill, my deare brother, Sir John Drummond, at Londone,--Thes.

98. The SAME to the SAME.

Edinburgh, 13th February 1661.

DEARE BROTHER,—I receav'd zour and am only sorie sinc zee was soe neir, that zow did not com this lenthe quher zee ar soe much long'd for by all zour friends, especiallie our father, never leaving off to inquyr for zow, with all the solicitousnes can be. I am sorie ze mett with a disapointment, altho' I confes I ever suspected itt, for thes advantages seldome fall to our share, so many worthie and deserving persons being amongst themselfs, quho has a great deall of mor facilite and cunning to fall upon, and imbrace, thes

occasions then we haue, but I hop ther is as good byding zow. Only look or zee loupe, and learne at all hands off the persons cariage, and fortune, befor a totall ingadgment, quhen ther will be no means left for a retreat. This is all I can say to both thes purposes, quhich I hau dune with such fredome, as our interest and relatione calls for. Androw Martein will giv zow an account off zour bill was protested, and so I sall neid say nothing off it. Argyll was this day befor the parliament, had his charge read to him, and libertie to speak therafter, quhich he did in reasonable good terms, and to great lenthe, he aimd to cleare himself in all concern'd the King, off Montros deathe, and off the prejudices sustaind by the Marquis off Huntly and his house. This was in effect the summe off his speich. On Tuesday coms sennight he appears again, and is commanded to bring in his defences in wreating to shune such cavillings as ordinarlie arys, on disputs by barasters. I haue delyver'd his Majestie's letter to our commissioner, quho is verie civill and kynd to me. It was wonder'd att quhy my Lord Secretarie sould hau forgott to seall the letter, for it was open, and with all ther wer severalls heir had recommendations off a far mor earnest straine, but I sall nott wish zow to speak any thing off this till I fynd quhat effect this his Majestie's gracious favour to me may tak. I sall, so long as I am att Edinburgh, importune zow with letters, and intreats zow wreat often to me. Present my servic to noble Ogilvy and Dear Bill-Will Fleming, to quhom I sall ever be a faithfull servant. We remember zow all veri often, and ar certaine ze mynd us somtyms. I sall never forgett the kyndnes I receav'd of Mr. Sydnham and his ladie, to quhom I by thes present my most humble service. I ame your affectionatt brother and servant,

J. DRUMMOND.

For the right honorable Sir John Drumond, at Mr. Wmphra Sidnems Hous, neire the Bull head Tavern, at Charing Crosse, London.

99. The SAME to the SAME.

Midhope, the 8 off Apryll 1661.

DEARE BROTHER,—I receaved zours off the 25 of Marche with Graden, quho told me off zour busines, and the good hops ther was off the success off it, quhich undoubtedly will be a cause to us all off rejoycing, for ther is no brother alyve can wiss another better then I do zow, and for quhat zow wreat concerning zour father, quhos blissing zie wold expect, iff his Lordship knew the partie with quhom zie had adoe. I assure zow he commanded me to secuir zow off it, for iff it be with she at Londone, he knew both hir father and her mother quhos vertues he very much extolls, and ther for in quhat be for zour satisfactione proceid, and beleiv me I wold nott ly in a matter off this consequence. I thank zow heartilie for provyding thes things for my childrene. I am now only going home, and I think iff zour letter had nott secur'd me by a promis thes things wer coming, I durst nott hau ventur'd amongst them quho longs . . . try les I promisd them and zett forgott. I must heir . . . additional trouble ane imbroderd gold beldrier for myself . . . est fasehion, with som plums for the childrene for all our . . . walks onder the umbrage off ther own feathers. I haue wreaten to zow sevarall tyms, but I fynd they miscarie, for I hau had letters sent me back from London, that were derect to me at our ther being. All our friends heir ar in good healthe, and amongst our commarads we never mist zour healthe, so as with drinking I had almost bein dead, but I took a weik and purged, and lett some blood, and sinc, I thank God, I'm prettie well. Zee will gett Harie Maule and Sir Jams Hamiltone befor this can com to zow; many others I pereeav ar resolv'd to be with zow about the tyme off the coronation, especilli good kynd Tullibardin quho has caried himself most generously and loyallie in this parliament, and our sister

quho longs to be there and bak againe: I hop his Majestie will look upon them as they deserve, for trewlie they hau bein bold as lyon's in quhat might concern him, as has bein most off this parliament: excepting such only as bein recompensed for ther former misdeids, and thes incorrigbilie persists in ther first principles. I believ all ther nam's ar sent ther or now, but I doe believ wer ther power acquall to ther will, we might meit with sumquhatt off trouble from that airthe. Our Caledonius for his foolishness was silenc't; and this givs me occasion to tell zow that trewlie never any parliament did so fullie assert the prerogativ off our kings as this has done, quhich I hop sall be off good example to that off England, on quhom the ey's off all Europ will now be fixt, for on ther resolutions depends not only our quyett, but even that off the Christian world, for iff now they faintly, and by halfs, sall do ther busines, it will prove an inlett to much futur miserie and mischeife. Our parliament ar from to-morrow to sitt everie day till they exped the quholl busines. Cassiles is to giv his determinatt answer anent his taking the othe off aledgiance, and som acts of Parliament peremptorilie to-morrow, he wold hau a delay till he sould speak with the King, but becaus som discontents hau had privatt meitings at quhich he assisted, I believ it will nott be granted. Argyll's protest will close this weik quho hau bein retarded in ther actings by resolutions flowing from thence. The Synod off Fyff wer framing a remonstranc against this present parliament, and framing a petition for his Majestie for a continowatione off this church government quhich Rothes understanding brok off their meitting in his Majestie's Commissionar his name, and so desolved thes sempiternal . . . ther ar som sent to all the Synods in the countrey to . . . Stirling, quher our's conveins to-morrow. I hau now babled . . . and ther for I sall draw to ane end, quhen I hau told zow how fare I hau proceided in my owne affairs; I waited patiently his Grace' pleasure for causing read his Majestie's recomendation, quhich at last

he did; it was recommend to the Articles, and by them subcommitted to Montros, Calender, Sir James Fowls, Polmeis, Hew Sinclar, Alexander Iruine, befor quhom I instructed our losses by wreat and sufficient prooffe to extend to an hunder thousand pound, in money, and with my vastations and burnings did in the quholl to fiftie-four thousand nyn hunder and odde pounds, a summe to vast for us to lye under, unless now his Majestie, upon knoledge off the thing, tak sume spedie course for our reparatione, at least in part. I do intend by the nixt to send to my Lord Lauderdaill ane extract off the quholl matter, with the way we conceav may be least prajudiciall to his Majestie, and most effectual for our present supply, quhich I conceiv will either fall to be on the excys off our Shyr, or on his Majestie's few-duties there; praparativs off bothe ar alreadie past, and I hop zee will so deall with my Lord as somquhat of this (if his Lordship hau nott thought on a mor fitting thing for us) may be provyded and secured that other pretenders intervein nott. Thus hau zee the full account of all proceidings we be concern'd in both pryvatt and publik, and ther for sall wast no mor off zour tyme, but to lett zow read quhat zee often heir to for had confirmed, quhich is that I continow,

Deare Brother, zour most affectionatt brother and humble servant,

J. Drummond.

It is by Sir Duncan's mean's that this will be convey'd to zow; I wiss it may com safe, or I hau lost an hour's labor. My most humble servic to noble Ogilvy, good Mr. Sydnhame and his precious wyff, quhos humble servant I resolve to continow. Lett me hau a book with each freinde com's home, and provyd me play's both English and Frenche, altho' they sould be . . . fynd my self inclyn'd . . . abòv all forgett nott . . . wreats to me often inquyring . . . more in thes particulars then to myself.

Sir Robert bids me tell zow iff I could gett a localitie for a pensione of 2 or 300 pound on Boroustounness, I wold fynd verie good payment, quherfor advys with Lauderdaill and good Master Maitland that I may not faill in on off these three propositions, quhich I wiss may nott be devulgd till our bolt be shott; for iff I miss off all thes I may justly say I'm wors delt with then some quho hau nott so faithfully serv'd our late King and his sonne, quho now raignethe to the joy off all good men. The continowation of this I wiss be allow'd me till his Majestie sould pay me such a modified soume as my Lord Secretarie and zee might with his Majestie's consent resolv one.

For the right honorabill my deare brother Sir Johne Drummond.

100. The SAME to the SAME. 1267368

Drummond, 16th Apryll 1661.

DEARE BROTHER,—I troubled zow from Midhope with a tedious and frivoulous letter; but becaus ther was in it somquhat off concernment, and quich may be of verie good use for this poor familie, I sall be the mor curious till I heare zow haue receavid it, and with all the returne off zour owne oppinione concerning thes projects, and quhat cours zee think fittest I sould now steir, for obtaining somequhat to up hold this house, so neir a decay. Zee sall be pleas'd to look on this letter I haue sent for my Lord Secretaire, and quhat zee fynd amiss in it, or quher it is nott full eneughe, I leav it to [be] bettered, and mad up by zow, quho being on the place will soone discover quhat is fittest to be said in our caise. Everie body hitts on sumquhat that signallie advances ther interest, only our fortune is still to ly behynd for want off thes helps others promov themselves by. Our noble freind Drumlanrik, for prejudices sustain'd by him quhen the Quhigs wer a horsback, has gott a compositione tuo thousand pound sterling. Montrose has gott an Act against Argyll for

four scor sixtein thousand lib. Scots, as quhat he took from him during the tirrannie off thes usurp'd parliaments quhos Acts ar now rescinded, and ther contryver's odious. Robine Andrew has agreed with Sir Georg Kinnaird, has given him 5000 mark in hand, and is to giv ten thousand mor quhen he obtains his pardone. I sall nott relate several others I know, quho hau gott upon privatte account, by such on quhom his Majestie has bestow'd verie large gratuities, known to us all, and sall we only, quho never aim'd att any thing during this rebellious defectione, be the only quho sall be laid asyd and laugh'd at as drons, quhilst others has suckt the sweet off so much gains from verie poisonous principles. The treuthe is I cannott now mak any new propositione, and therfor sall only intreat zow insist on on off thes contain'd in my last, to witt, a localatie for a pensione on the Customs off Borowstounnes quhich I heare will be 4 or 500 lib. sterling a zeare. Iff his Majestie think this too much to bestow, devyd it, and lett me hau the ferming off the quholl, and I sall fynd sufficient surretie to pay the rest to the exchequer or to quhom els His Majestie sall command. The few-dewties of Perthshyr amounts to no great summe, zett iff the other cannott be, we had best play at small game, rather then sitt out. Zee most putt my Lord Wentworth on it, quho, I am confident, will perswad the King for this favour to me at this tyme, haning bein gratiously pleas'd to do it to others, quho I do believ cannott show so much off loss upon the account off loyaltie. The sounne, I wrote it in my last; it is an hunder fiftie-foure thousand nyn hunder pound scots, quhich I hau prov'd by wreat and wittnes as I told zow befor. I hau lykwys wreaten tuo or 3 lyn's to Mr. Maitland, quho promis'd to be a verie faithfull freind unto me, and giv a good account to me of quhat I might recommend to him from this, and thes tuo propositions being all, zee will try quhich off the tuo will most probablie be mad effectuall, and by my Lord Lauderdaill his advyce gett itt done with expeditione, for I believ our brother and sister Tullibardine

will verie schortly be ther, and because William Muray has bein long Chamberlane off his Majesties rents heir, it may chance they fall on this verie thing, and then to be outed is troublsome. I crav zow mercie for all this trouble I giv zow, and sall still intreat zow to be myndfull of thes tryfles I wreat for to the children. Bring me some good balls for shaving and washing the hands, with some off the best sweit powder, also som combs, with two Rasors, and two lancetts for letting blood, and I sall be verie cairfull for zour repayment quhen zee may call for quhat zee expend for us. Our Parliament sitts now verie close everie [day], and will do till the processes be finished. Argyll was this last weik befor them. Cassils continows in his old opiniastrete, for no rationall man can call it conscience, quhere upon all his places are declared voyd, and himself confynd till his Majestie's pleasur be knowne. Our kirk ar startling, for Glascow has emitted a declarition quherby they assert the doctrine and disclipline of our church as it now stands from the pittie sessione to the Generall Assemblie. I can giv zow no news from this solitude quher I now mynd to spend my days amongst the woods, and sall be in the futur, God willing, as monastik, and bookish, as I hau formerly bein given to publik places, and good companie. I must break of for tempting zour patience, and therfor sall only say that quherein I can serv zow, or any wyse be usfull, zee may verie freelie, and with full assurance off obedience, command,

Zour most affectionatt brother and humble servant,

J. Drummond.

My humble servic I most intreat zow to present to my noble good Lord Ogilvie, and to Mr. Sindham and his most vertuous bed-fellow. I am mor obligde to ther kyndnes and civilities then I can express, much less requyt. Iff Tom Weaver be att my zoung Lady Derbis, will zee try to gett his book

and verses from him for me, and rem[em]ber my service to him and all that Noble Famelie.

101. The SAME to the SAME.

Drummond, 6 August 1661.

DEARE BROTHER,—Sinc my last to zow from Midhope, I receaved on off zours dated July 16, and indeid it was the first and the only that spok to me anent my busines. I perceav Lauderdaill fynds still what we project unfeasible, and sinc he will not be assisting to quhat probable propositions we mak, I could heartilie wish he wold be so freindlie as to advyse us in quhat himself wold think might be mad effectuall for the good off this poor familie, quhich, I assure zow, fynds wrestling enughe sinc the signett was open'd, and ar lyk to be troubled still, both for our selfs and freinds, but the kyndnes of some off our neighbours and servants dos quhat in them lys to obviatt our difficulties, quheroff I shall not speak on word mor at this tyme, nor mor to my Lord Secretarie till I know quhither he will owne us as his servants or nott, for non imploys themselfs to obtaine his favour, but caries somquhat except it be my self (quho ame as much his servant as any), and som others quhom the godly (for ther loyaltie) call'd malignants, and iff that still must remaine and be repute a fault, I sall still rejoyc in my punishment and sufferings. You will be pleased to present my most humble servic to my Lord Chancellor; his civilities and kyndnes to me exceid verie farre both my expression and merit, butt I assure [zow] iff he doe me any good, I sall imploy nott only that, but quhat I can besyd in his servic to witnes my thankfullnes; for I protest he has veri much obliged me, nether ow I so much to any statsman as to himself, quhich, I pray zow, show him with all humble respect. Mr. Johne Drummond has accepted the bill of 54 lib. sterling zee drew upon us, and we

ar about the payment of it, so zow neid not apprehend the protesting off it, thoe I hau nether receav'd compt nor furniture, nor is any of thes persons Pont nor Sir Johne Falconer zett aryv'd, and to speak in a word, non can giv me mor account off zour desygns then I can doe them, so as iff they be caried on with as much advantage as secresie, zee will both mak a quyet and a safe game. Zour father is most desyrous to se zow, and trewlie some of zour creditors begins to bustle specialli Mistres Short in Stirling, to quhom I am cationer, and on Inglis in Lithgow, quho has arrested the ferms and dewties, by vertew of a comprysing led against thes lands quhilst the Muschetts wer zett in possessioue of them. These pittie things, and severall others relating zour self and freinds wold requyre zour hom coming, for the treuthe is, I apprehend any hopes how fair soevir a show they mak, and a certaintie thoe small, is evir to be prefer'd befor a glorious expectatione. I told zow in my last I had receav'd zour plays and song book, all quhich I hau now devour'd and ame gaping for more, for I hau a longing apetitte after thes fancies, and therfor zee wold still send me some quhen zee gett any express off our acquaintance. I believ our sister and brother Tullibardine will be with zow befor this com's to zour hands, quherfor I haue directed this inclosed to inquyr of ther welfair. I apprehend my Lord Gaske for he has bein long ill, nor was the nature off his disease perfectly known, but iff he be nott alreadi recovered he will fynd much better phisicians ther, and sounder medicins then this countrey affords. I ame ashamed to trouble zow with so long letters to so litle purpose, but I cannott leav babling to zow quhen onc I fall on't. On Thursday 8 instant, I goe to Cromlix wading. I hau gotte securitie that I sall nott be troubled, but I fear it poor Telein's warrandize; hower I sall fenc the best I cane. I was at Inchbrakie zesterday, quher most gentlmen our neighbours had bein convein'd at a wedding quher zour health and mistresses, with all success to zour business, was heartilie drunk. Now hauing given zow

a hint of all the jeast and earnest amongst us, I will expect retaliatione, and that zee will lett us know how all matters goes amongst zow, and how our great on's carie themselfs invicem, quhat speid Aboyne com's, and what is lyk to be done with Lorne and his familie. My Lord Middeltoune promised he wold speak the King in my favours, quherfor mynd him off it by presenting my servic to him, and shewing him the Act I obtained by his favour. I sall say no more, but without complement tell zow, I remaine,

Zour most affectionatte brother and humble servant,

J. Drummond.

Zow refreshed me with remembrances from our freinds ther; pray zow lett them still know I liv verie myndfull of ther favours, and readie to serve them: this to Ogilvie and his houshold.

My Lord Father presents his blissing to zow, and says if he wreat so seldome, its becaus he is in dayli expectation of zow, and says iff zee learne nott to dispatch and thrust zourself, as it wer, from amongst so companie, zee shall nott gett zour affection's rent from thence. Zour nephews ar at Perthe, to scoole, and remember'd ther servic' to zow. Baby says unckle Johne is a foole staying sae lang away, and bids zow hast zow hame. I'm his servant. All this is his own dyting.

Deare brother, zee remember befor I wreat to zow anent the misfortune had befallen Jam's Brown his sonne Johne, and intreated zow to press for a pardone to him; ther will a hunder off them passe in a yeare, quherfor I intreat zow be instant for it; Mr. Maitland will I know be assisting to zow in it, and I shall hau a cair he be rewarded for his pains. If my other letter hau miscaried, lett this again tell zow his faulte is to medled with a woman Helen Tomsone with quhom his brother had formerlie a child, and meiting in a plac, and unknown to on another, fell in this miserable accident, out of quhich

there is no way to extricate them but by his Majestie's pardone, quhich I again, I intreat zow, sue for with all celeritie and earnestnes; and me zour answer to this verie particular how soon possible zee cane.

J. DRUMMOND.

Drummond, 7 Agust earlie.

For the right honorabill my deare brother Sir John Drummond of Burnbank, at London,—These.

102. The SAME to the SAME.

Perthe, 25 September 1661.

DEARE BROTHER,—I receaved bothe zour Letters together, the on off the 7th the other off the 12, off this instant, for bothe quhich I heartilie thanke zow. I gaue zow an accompt off the receat of quhat zie was pleasid to send for our father and the children in my last. Zoung and old wer verie well pleasid with quhat they receaved, and now craves nothing but the performance off zour promise, quhich is to see us schortly. The occasione off my being heir is, that both zour nephews, my sonnes, ar now lying off the smallpox. James took them with a verie highe feaver and reav'd much, till he tuk, on munday's night, a great bleiding att the nose, quhich prov'd a verie gud coole to him, sinc he has bein verie soft and quyett, and the Docter and Apothecarie ar bothe now verie hopfull off him. Johne is so knocked in the head that he lies quyett, and is most heavielie seick at present, will tak nothing at all for any request. The pox begins to appeare on him, but his feaver is high and distemper verie great att present. I pray God ease and releive him. The Docter has zett gud hops, but till Fryday passe, quhich is on off his critick dayes, he can giv no peremptorie judgment. Now, Deare Brother, sinc it is soe, that there is no hope for any

releiff to me, off thes vast sufferings I haue undergone for doing my deutie in our Master his service, I hau my reward within me, being the testimonie off a gwd conscience, and so meanes never on any occasione to appeare mor in publick, but dryve a stone carte att home, and eat milk and oaten bread till I recruit againe. And as for seiking thess fynes, I beleiv ther be so many belongs more neirlie to thes sall hau the ruling off them, as we off remotter interest will be laid by, but iff I knew the names off thes quho ar to try the business I wold not faill by my self, or some other, to mak some sniffling adresse that itt might not be said I had neglected the ordinarie meanes. I hau at present no mor to say, but intreats that my most humble service may still to be presented to all freinds, especiallie Tullibardine and our deare sister, to quhom I hau at present no leasure to wreat, nor mor off purpose then this contains, and withall I haue bein so sore vex'd with a defluxion on my eys, that trewly it is nott without paine that I either read or wreate. I will trouble zow no more, but for some books. Mr. Johne Frebairne has my chronikle of Ingland wreiten by Baker, quhich I much intreat zow renew, as also quhat zee can gett off Irland, for I hau nothing off it, the Cardinall off Richliew his lyf, with quhat has occurred in France sinc his deathe, and his master's, some silver buckles for shoes, rich and weel mad, and this [is] all I sall begge of zow at this tyme. Assur Mr. Bruutfelld I sall be verie cairfull to sie him satisfyed precisly at this ensuing terme, and in good faith, could I hau gott it sooner itt sould not hau bein zett resting. I beleiv all my other ingagments towards that airthe ar satisfyed. Thus wishing all health with good success to zow, I rest,

Zour most affectionatte brother, and humble servant,

J. Drummond.

I ame verie sorie to heare that the breaches off my Mistresses reputations

ther wydnes so much, but so long as ther families hanges together, I must still remember ther favours to me by the presentment of my most humble service.

Lett dear Ogilvie and Harie Mall know I live and prays for them, nott without a sacrifice of the best liquor the place affords quher I ame. Thank Moncreiff heartilie from me for his pains and cair in delyvering zour letters to zow. I sall serve him heartilie in quhat I cane. My servic perpetuall to dear Billi Will Fleming. His brother Wigtoune was tuo or 3 day's with us last weik at Drummond.

103. The SAME to the SAME.

Drummond, 18 October 1661.

DEARE BROTHER,—I hau wreaten twys or thryc sinc I heard from zow, and has in that spac had tuo from our sister; we expected now to hau sein zow, but I fynd from othirs ther that zour companie is all this winter expected at London; however, we think zie wold do as well heir. Zour nephews ar now recover'd, and all zour freinds heir ar well, which is the summe of intelligenc I can att this present giv zow. This smart bout betwixt the two ambassadors will mak the dead embers off warre burst forth in a flame againe; for Monsieur has bein verie ill used, it seems, by the priut. What other news zee gett impart them, and be pleased to get me a large Latine Byble, becaus I hau none, with a Latine service book for our librarie; lett bothe be hansomlie boud, and tak our brother Tulibardine's help in chosing them. Our man Johne Browne longs for his commissione, which, sinc his Majestie has bein gratiouslie pleased, we hear, to graut him, I intreat it may be hastn'd home, and direct in your packet to me, for tho' the fellow be impertinently

catrous, he retains still a smack off the Western Air, from which I mynd to reclaim him, or els hang him. Intreat Lauderdaill, to whom I humblie present my service, that I may gett assurance from his Majestie that all the privelidgs off our house, which we hold of the croune thes many generations, may be ratified and confirmed to us, for I perceave everibodie incroaches now, where they can gett a shadow of pretext, as my sister will show zow an example, which I do intreat zow tak heid too. I will troubl zow no mor at this tyme, but continous,

Zour most affectionatte brother and humble servant,

J. DRUMMOND.

My service to my Lord commissioner, and to all our freinds, I humblie hereby present. Provyd for me a hansome caise of pistolls to deter my led horse with, of any sys or fashion ze think fit.

For the right honorabill my deare brother Sir Johne Drummond off Burnbank, at London,—These.

104. The SAME to the SAME.

Drummond, 12 November 1661.

DEARE BROTHER,—I receav'd zour letter dated 29 October. It was the only [one] I had thes 7 weiks past. It shows me that within the space zee had 3 off myne, in which, as I sall still, it is my humor to keep old use and wont, for tho I know the declynings off fortune, and am much mor sensible off the decays off Nature, zett I most still persist to be mirrie, for sinc cair pays noe debt, why sould I vex my self. All my indevours and expenses hau at lenth brought me the honor, and lenthe, to be recorded a sufferer, and this is con-

tentment to me bezond the increase off oyll and wyne; and, in despyt off ambitious nature, I can close my eys on the advancement off others, and look on the rable behynd. Iff zow quho ar courteours wold study philosophie, how soone could a curb'd appetit bring zow to this; but sinc Moses and the prophets, and all quho wrote since hau scal't ther ink (as to many inscouscouslye), I leiv the dispensing off thes precepts to tyme, quho maks old father Experience beat thes lessons in our brains; and so I come to tell zow that my letters ar to be look't on according to ther date, for when I'm not vex't I'll anger nobodye, but when I'm quhisper'd any thing that is sowre, I impart it as I do my morning's draught mingled with wormwood, and from this I expect zour pardon iff ought I hau heirtofor said be displeasing. Our father is still glad when zee promise a returne, thoe we be now as neir zow as we wer 18 month agoe. Giv order to Bruntfeild for zour part off his bond, for myns shall be at Edinburgh this weik, and if that were pay'd I hau no mor to do at Londone, and sall as heartilie laughe at some freinds vanitie as they do at my miserie. I am, and most still be, troubling zow with some frivolous imployment, wherefor send me a number off the best Taildous of the eminest persons at Court, together with a mape off that most famous citie, where I hope this sall fynd zow, and this sall be requyt with the other expenses zee hau bein putt to by,

Sir,

Your most affectionatte brother and humble Servant,

J. Drummond.

My litle doughter zour neic is unwell, but zour nephews begine to grow strong againe, and all ar verie myndfull off zour kyndnes and favor.

105. The SAME to the SAME.

Drummond, 18 November 1661.

DEARE BROTHER,—Being surprysid by a freind coming to Edinburgh, and just befor hauing receavid zour letter the 5 off this instant, I hau nott now tyme to answer evrie particular in it, only I fynd notte these south plantations so fit for our constitutions as the notherne are, quherefor I wold still advys zow to lower zour fancie and resolve to be a Scots mane, nor can the vili-pending zour fortune better itt, tho the living sutable to itt might, following in this our Grandfather Roxbrough's opinione, who said it was the part off a good horsman fynding a good horse to keip him soe, but off a better to mak off a jade a good one. Quhat zour desygn is I could zett never learn, nor seik I to dyv into it, butt sall wish zow success. Zour papers hau bein 6 monthe (as zour letters to me say) at Seullas. Our Scots ar difficult, but I fear thes be impassable, zett wish's my apprehensions be groundless. I sall advertise Mr. Jam's anent Bruntfield's money, and sall do quhat I can, and tho zie be pleased to jeast with the misfortune of our affairs, quhich ar nott in good condition, zett our nam nor interests cannot be advantaged by the loss of this meane familie, quhich, by the prudence of our father, has done dewtie to all its concerns. I sall say no mor, but wishing zow still all health and hapiness, I rest,

Zour most affectionate brother and humble servant,

J. DRUMMOND.

Lett my service be presented to all freinds of quhom I cannott be unmyndfull, howeuer they neglect a servant, especilie to Moncreiff, quhom I sall serv in all I can quhilst I lyv. My service to Ogilvy, Mr. Syden-

heme and his bedfellow, for I lov kyndnes, thoe I nether can compell nor buy it.

For the right honorabill my deare brother Sir Johne Drummond off Burnbanke at Londone,—these.

106. The SAME to the SAME.

Drummond, last November 1661.

DEARE BROTHER,—Hauing everie weik, now of sua long together, wreaten unto zow, I hau no mor to say, hauing desyr'd Mr. Jam's to giv zow in breife as much concerning zour affair's as he thought fitt to concreditt with the common packett. Madertie is nott zett come to this countrey. Zie sall know my oppinione off what he say's after I hau heard him, only still we thinke that this countray wer as fitt a climatt for zou to liv in, as any in the world, could zour mynd comply with zour constitutione; but I sall say no more, only intreat Mr. Bruntfeild to spar his mony till candlsmess, and then we sall cause sie for the quholl to him; for, in good faithe, I provydid only my own proportione (as we agreed), and now his solicitor, Walter Burns, will nott receav itt by halfs, and threatens with the law. I hau wreatent to our brother Roxbroughe, as I expect zie will lykwyse doe, to sie iff he can advance ought upon the interest at this straite. Zou sall know his returne by the nixt. Zour freinds heir ar all well; only my litle doughter, Anne, has bein at the point off deathe, and verie slowli recovers, hauing now bein bed fast 24 days, and is reduced to much weakness. We ar still expecting to heir the worst off our deare nephew the Lord Gaske. I pray God confort his parents, for I know it will be a verie sensible strok unto them, as it is to us all, both for his oune and ther sakes; but the irrevocable decree must be submitted unto;

and in afflictions, the mor patience we express, the mor pleasing it is to God. Our father is well, and sends his blissing unto zow, still longing for the event off zour expectations. We hau no news. I beleiv poore Harie Ratrae be dead off a purpie feaver, and so, we heir, is the Lord Hoptone. Now iff zie had a stomak for a fyne widou ther wer one. We hav had a weik off the highest wynds, spouts off waters, and greatest tempest that ever I remember to hau sein, and am almost affrai'd to inquyr how affairs at sea goe, for iff it hau bein as vyolent ou that element as at land, doubtless ther is great harme done. My pater now advyses me to tell zou that I continow

Zour most affectionatt brother and humble Servant,

J. DRUMMOND.

Still lett my humble servic be presented to all freinds, male and female.

For the rycht honorabill my deare brother Sir Johne Drummond of Burnbanke, at London,---Thes.

107. The SAME to the SAME.

Drummond, 12 December 1661.

DEARE BROTHER,---I receaved zours of the 23 November, and acknoledges that quhat zee say in order to bills is must trew; but our bond was non off that, hauing given securitie in communi forma and entr'd in payment off interest, but this is only to justifie that we might hau keipt it longer without prejudic, sinc we pay'd soe deare exchange, and quherat zee know I grumbled exceidinglie, but our brother Roxbrough hauing advanced zour part, has now put a period to the busines, and a stope to all clamor and malice. I'm glad our father's letter did so pleas zow. Zee may well think it is only his kynd fears, that maks him, and us all, jealose off zour abod ther. We see zour maintenance must com from zour fortoune heir, quhich, nott of itself, sufficient

to do double dewtie, cannott but impaire, without the accessione off som plac or gift, and thes com soe slowlie, even to verie high deserts, that its no wonder we doubt, and experience shows, that delays in court and love meit with infinit off unexpected rubs. Our nephew Gaske was a verie hopfull Gentlmane, but stat sua cuique dies, nor cane we proroge our call a minutt, this ought to mak us look further, and constantly indevour preparatione. The strok was forsein, and I hop it is had with his parents, the operation off antepraevisa minus laedunt. But however I mynd nott to trouble them, with smarting thar sor's, by a second touche only according to ther desyre quhen his corps sall com home (quhich they ar nott zett) I sall nott faill to do my dewtie, by the advyce off ther best friends, in as right a way as this season can allow. Now I thank zow, a thousand tym's, for [zour] last, quhich contain'd many good news, but his majesties advantages abov all pleas us, for, iff God bliss him, we cannott be amiss, and I hope, quhen all is done abroad, he will gratiously look on us, quho, att home, hau mett with hard measur on his account, with the hazard off our lyfs, and loss off our means, quich I wish only he wer remember'd off, till a mor convenient seasone, and I know nott quho will adventure to do it for me, sinc Lawderdaill is so unkynd to us all and our freinds, for our sak's. Housoever, till he and all his beggrs be gloatted, we sall stand aloofe, unless our provident God stur upe som other instrument quho may advys a mor aequall distribution off his Majesties favours, and amongst others nott forgett to mention that we wer dewtifull and loyall harted. Our cosen Madertie mad his visite heir on Thursday last, aequallie instructed, with others to quhom formerly zee addressed me for solution anent zour busines, for he protested, befor God, he knew nott zour desygns, and all zee told him was, seing he cam journey, what ze had to impart to zour freinds ze would send it by the post. I'm glad his highness the Duk off Zork found such satisfactione at Dunkirk, and that the noble Governor theroff, the Lord

Rutherfoord, is in soe good esteime; he is a veri noble and well deserving gentlmane, and a great glorie to his natione, quhich has few or non such, to boast off in thes last tyms, and I acknoledge his acquaintance was my greatest purchas in this last pilgrimage. I caus'd our cosen Tours try Mr Scote anent thes lands of Rutherford, quho mad answer that thoe he neided nott to sell them, zett to soe brave a persone he could refuse nothing, quherfor (say'd then) quhen any off his freinds sall deall with me they sall fynd me fair and frie bargainer. It will be about 5000 mark rent. I did once wreat to my Lord anent this, but whither my letter miscaried or noe, I receavd no answer. This much zee may signifie to him, with my humble service, quhen zee fynd occasione. Maderti had a fall, and has strain'd his legge exceidingli, so as he keips his chamber, his knee being also exceiding swell'd. Zour litle neice Anne continows verie ill, and tho we think hir somquhat better, ziet she is quytt put off hir leggs, for she cannott either stand or walke. I my self hau thes 8 day's keipt my chamber, with ane violent fitt of the stonne, quhereof I am nott zett recover'd, but I fynd that thes annual incursions Old Saturne maks on us, will in end leav us a prey to worms, quhich since we forsie, I wish we may walk in that light, quhich leads us to a better lyff, and to leav zow to mak outt the rest off this contemplatione, I bid zow fairwell.

Zour most affectionatt brother and humble Servant,

J. DRUMMOND.

Zow may sie by this letter that I'm nott well, for it looks as disorderly as an extemporari prayer. Our father sends zow his blissing and prays for soliditie unto zow. Send me books, and songs, plays, &c. Harie Ratray is recovering, hauing wrestled throw a most malignant feaver with extraordinar seiknesse, but our days are number'd, and his compt is nott zett soumm'd tho,

in human experience, he was one past all hope. Our nephew, Harie Fleiming, is dying of a consumptione, and become verie weak. My commendations closes all purposses, quherfor lett my Lord Midltoune know how much I still honor him, tho he will not daigne to lett me know I wreat to him, I'm no better worthie, zett, me thinks, I may be the objecte off any man's humilitie, for I hau sein his Lordship speak to a footmane. But this usage, with the gravell, quhere with I am still plaig'd, will quicklie waine me from the world. But great men in great places ar abov us, quherefor I com to kynd Ogilvie, Harie Maule, Sir William Flieming, and all our pitti acquaintances, quho till they be bowd'n greatnes cannot refus to heir me say I'm ther servant. Lett good Mr. Sidnham and his wyf still know I commemoratt ther favors with superstitione.

For the right honourable my deare brother Sir John Drummond off Burnbanke at London,—these. (This was rasehlie opned, bot not read, vpon my credit.)

108. JOHN SECOND EARL OF PERTHE to his second son, the HONORABLE SIR JOHN DRUMMOND of Burnbank. 9 June 1662.

SONNE,—I haueing ended my worldlie busines, and declared my Latter Will some few zeires since, wreaten be James Haggart at Stobhall, and haveing done to everie one of my children according as my abilitie wold permitt, and the subsistence of this familie; I have no more to say but heartilie giveing to yow my blessing, and praying God to blesse yow. My desire is ze may look seriouslie to your owne affaires, and be not taken away with vaine and idle fancies, whilk ze will find to prove but vncertaine in the end. I desyre ther may be a cordiall and firme loue betuixt yow and your brethren. And that ze labour to evite all occasione of mistake which wilbe a meane to con-

tinue gods blessing upon yow all. And now againe craving the blessing of god almightie to yow, I rest

Zour Loveing father,

I desyre yow to let zour brother Roxburgh see this my desyre to yow all, seing I have not tyme to wreat to him.

PERTHE.

Drummond, 9 Junii 1662,

For my welbeloved sonne Sir Johne drummond,—Thes.

109. SIR JAMES MERCER of Meiklelour to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully. [1662-3.]

RIGHT HONOURABILL,—I haue recewed yours from Murthly the 28 of October, wpon the 11 of November, with your signatour; but till I haue the wttermost ansuer anent your fyne, I will not mention the signatour for anything I know as yet, till I heare from yow, but sall be trying a farrof every way; for his Maiestie has done nothing anent the fynes till my Lord Commissioner cume heir. Ther are sume haue hopes they will turne to nothing, but I doe not beleive it. The contract betuix the King's sonne (now legittimate, and made Duke of Monmouth now, and Duke of Balcleuch when maried in March, Erle of Doncaster, and Lord of Fothringhame) and the Duchesse of Balcleugh is finished, and shee has not yet obtayned any ansuer anent Harden and Heighchesters fynes, with severall others, but that he will see what may be done when my Lord Commissioner cumes, suppose she offers to let thois soumes be a part of the Duke of Monmo[u]th's provision that the King gives him, for the King gives him as much in land and money as the estate of Balcleugh. He is the handsomest and the hopefullest young gentle-

man I know, and so is his Lady very hopefull. My wyfe presents her dutie to yow, and is very glad that her daughters are recovering. Sir Robert Steuart is now releived of his meall by a bill from Ireland, wher it is layed wpon the countrie in Irland, and the bill is past on Friday last by the King and his Counsell heir, and I wisse your fyne were remitted nixt, but I expect to heare from yow when my Lord Commissionayre cumes to Edinburgh. As for theis wreats, I beseech yow to deliver them, to each partie ther aune, for the Maister and Mistris of Gray gives an discharge to the Laird of Powrie, and as I remember, so does he to her, and Pourie may losse more then gayne by that, for it may draw new trouble and pley of law, for if I sall be summoned by her or aither party, I behoved to deliver the same wreates, therfor putt them out of trouble as your meanings were att Forfar.

I superseed, and ame now, and evermoir, your most affectionat sonne and humble servant, J. MEIKLOUR.

For the right honorabill the Laird of Grantully,—Theis.

110. JAMES THIRD EARL OF PERTH to his brother, the HONOURABLE SIR JOHN DRUMMOND. 10th September 1663.

DEARE BROTHER,—I receaved zours last night, at my returne from Broxmouthe, quher I hau bein since Fryday last, but my dyett is verie litle improven by shifting off places. We hau no news to send zow, but all our companie longs to see zow, and I think itt will be requisit zow be heir now how soon ze cane, for the Parliament will ryd on Tuesday, immediatly after quhich most off great men will be gone for England. I knoe nothing off Sir William Fleiming his dyett, but he assures me his stay will nott be long heir. Crawfurd is newly com home, and Lady He[len Lind]say is to be mary'd tomorrow on Steinsone. I told zow [that] our sister Tullibardin has bein verie

ill off a squinance [and she is] thought to be in a consumptione by some phisicians. [Zow may] beleiv how soon hir health can permitt, she will returne. Thus expecting to sie zow on Saterday at farthest,

I rest zour most affectionatte brother and humble servant,

PERTHE.

Roxbroughe will say nothing to zow, but his service till he see zow.

Edinr. the 10 Septr. 1663.

For the right honorabill, my deare brother, Sir Johne Drummond off Burnbanke,—Theis.

111. SIR JAMES MERCER of Meiklelour to the Laird [JOHN STEUART] of Airntully. [*c.* 1664.]

RYGHT HONORABILL,—I haue receivit yours, Januar the last, and if the wissing yow to see a fayre lady be a fault, I desyre to be criminall; but men propones and God disposes, and the events of things is not, I houpe, of power to tak auay good endevours, suppose mony will now be reidie to suggest so to yow. But I desyre not to tarry heir, but to tell yow that He that made on made mony more, and ye may haue the best in the land, and no mane sall wisse yow more hapinesse then my bedfellow and I and all ours. I sall say no more, but the Lady Lundie has wsed me abominablie, but she did so to nearer relations, so she has a great count to make, so I leave her to it; and sall att all occasions aprove my selfe to yow as becumes,

Your most affectionate brother and humble servant,

J. MEIKLOUR.

My bedfellow, Jane, and Grissell presents ther service to yow.

For the ryght honorabill the Laird of Airnetullie and Kerko,—Theis.

112. The Same to the Laird [Sir Thomas Steuart] of Grantullie.
28th March 1664.

Right Honourabill,—I haue foirborne to wreat to yow this ten or tuelve dayes, thinking by this berar, Mr. John Murray, to haue sent yow the King's order to be heard anent your fyne, but my Lord Lautherdale has been sick, and has hade the toothach, and drawen an tooth and taken phisik, so that he has been for no businesse, but the King has sayd, and my Lord sayes, that ye sall be heard, and this day my lord bid me mynd him when he was by the King, which I will not fayle. I haue your petition, which the King bid me give to my Lord Lautherdeall that he might give it an ansuer; so I keep it till my lord and I be with the King. The tenor of it is showing how loyallie ye hade carried your selfe in all the troubles, how great an sufferer by imprisonment and in losse of your house of Grantully, and the wasting of your landis, and your father's good seruice to King James, and his Majestie's royall promise to your selfe, that ye sould be heard, and if not found within the qualifications the Parlament went by in laying on of fynes, ye might be liberate and freed. Now your hearing will be att home by my lord Thesaurer, therefor, all the fatt kiddis and venison and wyld foull that ye can gett, be sending to my Lord Thesaurer, for he has sayd to me he wold be your freind, so I will say no more of this till, I houpe, I send you the King's ansuer, and my Lord Lautherdale's letter to my Lord Thesaurer. As for your oates, I haue been trying all I can, and I am informed that the best oates that ye can send ye will not gett for them aboue seaven shillings sterling, our Scottis boll, which is butt 4 pund 4d the boll, and deduce the charges, will not be fyve mark, so that I beleive that trade will not thryve, for no oate meall is eaten heir, and all horses, except sume coach and saddle horses, goes to grasse, so tis to your prejudice to intend it; lykways the season is past now, and

every bodie is provydit, but if ye haue an mynd for an warant, I sall imploy my endevours to serve yow, but I ame affrayd all commerce is barred. I houpe by this tyme that Mr. James Forsyth and ye haue spoken, and when parties has seen on another ye will move according to the lyking of the persones and conditions. I sould wisse my selfe present personally, but I sall be ther with my best wishes, wherever ye or any of yours are concerned. As for my homecuming, I intend to be att home if I can in September, God willing. If I can, but I ame not assured of it, for I will attend his Majestie this progresse. I thought to haue sent your wach with this berar, Mr. Murray, my Lord Stormonth's brother, but that wach with the day of the month I did not lyk, so he is about another against the next week, which I sall send with the first sure hand. I will not trouble yow any further att present, only my wyfe presents her dewtie to yow, and we are all in good health heir, praysed be God.

I rest your most affectionatte sonne and humble servant,

J. Meiklour.

London, March 28, 1664.

For the right honorabill the Laird of Grantullie,—Theis.

113. The Same to the Same.—8th June 1667.

Ryght Honorabill,—It pleased his Majestie to honour your grandchyld so much as to chrysten him att my loidging in Axe Yeard, wher his Majestie was verie joviall, without any sort of drinking, only drunk to me the young laird's good health; he commended his god sonne verie much, and so does every bodie. It was my misfortune that I durst not desyre the Duke of York, for the death of the Duk of Kendell, and no lyfe being expected to the Duk

of Cambridge, his tuo sonnes. We are much allarmed heir with the Hollandis fleet to be seen att the Dounes. I wonder my factors seuds me not money, for I ame exhausted. The King gave your grand child the nixt morning 80 wnces of gilt plate, and I houpe he will doe him more good then that. Ther were many Lords and Ladies ther with his Majestie, as the Duches of Monmouth, Lady Marshil, Lautherdaill, with my Lord Lautherdale, Morton, Dunfermline, Mandevill, Mr. Erskyne, Sir William Fleming, Sir John Ayton, Mr. Hamilton, and many more that ye know not. I haue not heard from yow this long tyme, neither from your sonne.

I am, as ever, your most affectionat sonne and humble servant,

J. Meiklour.

Axe Yeard, June 8, 1667.

For the ryght honorabill the Laird of Grandtullie,—Theis.

114. Sir John Drumond of Burnbank, afterwards of Logiealmond, to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully.

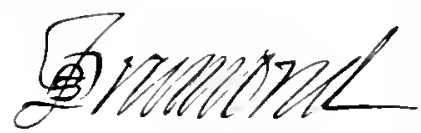
Burnbank, 21 Jully 1666.

Ryght Honorabill,—Iff itt had not pleasit the Lord to haw cassine that affliction vpon me att this tym of my wyffes seiknes as to haw remoued my sonn, I would haw waitted vpon yow before this, finding all my bussines, eather by neglect or wilfully, in my absenc to be miscaried. What was betwixt Mr. Jon. Waich and me yow hard, and Binnies bussines was subscryved and cloased, and how thir mistackes aryses I know not, only hes presumed vpon your goodnes to beg yow would be pleased to try iff Sir George McEngnie would tack a littill inspection of my peapers and information of the grounds of them, and iff he would vndirtack for me, as he does for yow, I

would bring in Tullibardine and gett him ane good employment; bot yow know my bussines and peapers being altogether in his hands, I dare not doe bot vpon sour ground and advysitly, els I would turn him desperatly my enemie, bot that latet anguis in herba yow will see by this inclosit from Meagines, and my ansuer thereto. Sir, your douchter is sor afflicted for the loss of her son, and longs mutch to see yow and her brother. The tym so streatned me I could giw yow no soonner account of her being brought to bed of ane doughter, and his seeknes, tho' long lurking befor, newer brack out till then, and I acknowledg it stupiefyed me so that I forgot many of my dewityes, and particularly that to yourself, bot I hope yow will forgiw itt, it being at sutch ane occation, and assur yourself that faithfully I am and shal be,

Sir,

Your affectionat son and real servant,



Sir, all your douchters, the Ladye Aldie, Mistres Elizabethe, and my wyff are well, and presents ther servic to yow, and the younge girl Jean, your granchyld, is well. Keep Megines letter for me.

For the ryght honorabill Sir Thomas Steuart of Grantullye,—Thes.

115. Sir James Mercer of Meiklelour to the Laird [John Steuart] of Ayrnetullie.

Whythall, the 4 of December 1667.

Ryght Honorabill,—Your nephew Charles being well the 21, sickned the 22 of November, and dyed the 27 therof. His teething occasioned an hoast

with an great moaning and flussing in his sydes, and a payne in his throat that he dyed. The King commended him greatly att his chrystning, and he was a most brave chyld when he sickened. I pray God to sanctifie this to our good. My service to Mrs. Elizabeth and to all friends.

I rest, your most affectionat brother and humble servant,

J. MEIKLOUR.

For the ryght honorabill the Laird of Ayrnetullie,—Theis.

116. SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully to his son, JOHN STEUART, apparent of Grandtully.

Murthly, November 17, 1668.

LOVING SONN,—I receaved yowrs, and am glad to hear that yow ar in good health and of yowr happie arryvall at London, and the sooner that ye goe from thence it is the better, befor winter com on, and tak Aldie's advys wher ye shall stay this winter, for since yowr away goeing I am informed that thrie or four may live in ther oun chalmer at Paris and bring the meat from the cookis, both cheaper and mak better fair nor they can doe in pensioun. Allwayis ye may tak Aldie's advys in this. I am glad to hear that yowr sister and the children ar in good health. As for Charles Stewart, I think it is too much chairges that ye should pay for his dyet, and as for his fencing and the rest of the exercises, ye shall pay nothing for him of that, for it is in his oun option to doe that or not. Aldie showes me that he hes gotten ane boy that hes verie good strengh to goe with yow, and when ye com ther, questionles ye will get comrads enew, and if Charles Stewart will not goe alonges with yow upon the accompt of payment for his dyet, he may com hom when he

pleases, for I beleive ye shall find that dear enough. Ye may send Patrick Ramsay hom be sea, for it is neidles to keip him ther any longer.

I rest, your loving father,

For his loving sonn John Stewart, apearand of Grantullie, at London.

117. The SAME to the SAME.

Murthly, December 12th, 1668.

LOVING SONN,—I receaved two of yowrs within this ten dayes, ane daitit the tent of November, and another the 26 therof, and I am glaid to hear that ye ar in good health. As for me I have bein this 20 dayes bygon a litle indisposed, being troubled with ane wind in my stomack, bot I hope it will wear away betime. I am informed as ye have wreattin to me that Angeiris is the fittest place ye can stay in this winter; and when my Lord Drumond comes hom, and I have occassion to sie him, I shall give him thanks for his good advys. Aldie shew me in his letter, which I receaved with yowrs, that ye was to direct yowr lettres from Angeiris to Edinburgh to Mr. Thomas Stewart, so let me know if this ye doe, that I may send my letters to him, and let me know, also, if I shall direct my lettres to Aldie to London, to be sent to yow, or wher I shall direct them, for I did wreat to yow to London. I know not if it did com to yowr hands, for I think ye was gon befor it cam the lenth of London. I am sorrie that Charles Stewart and ye hes fallen out; bot I find be yowrs it is upon verie just groundis, which showis his miscariadge. And

seing it is so, I am glaid of it that ye ar quyt of him, and my advys is to yow not to medle with him any more, neither keip his companie, bot let him doe for himselfe. I am glaid that ye have gotten so good a servant, who will be mor stedable to yow nor ane governour; keip good and civill company, and do not drink nor debausch. I have directit my lettres upon the back as ye have wreattin to me, so near as I can read it, bot I know not if it will be understood; bot I have wreattin to Aldie to helpe any thing in it that is wrong. And my construction shall be so favourablie of yow in that particullar anent Charles Stewart that ye have done what is just, and les nor what he deserves, for ye doted too much upon him, for I knew yowr humor and his wold not agrie, he being a litle hie, so hoping to hear from yow as occasion offers, I rest,

Your loving father,

S. T. S. Granttully.

A Monsieur, Monsieur Stewart che Monsieur Heues a la vill de Bourge, rue de la Bouchries, fauxbourge St. German, a Paris.

118. The Same to the Same.

Edinburgh, 15th January 1669.

Loving Sonn,—I sent yow two expresses since I receaved yowrs, quhairin in the first I shew yow that I was very indisposed, bot in the second that I was prettie weill. And now, praised be God, I am wholie recovered. If ye be now at Angeiris or else wher, I wold have yow to com to Paris in the begining of March, and ye may stay ther two or thrie moneth, quhairby theraftir ye may com to London about Lambas, for I will have yow to stay no longer in France; and thiraftir ye may com hom, what ever may fall out, for I am becom a litle crazie. Let me know if ye have alse much money as will bring

yow back to London. And if ye have not, let me know what will serve yow, and I will stryve to send ane bill to Aldie before he com from London, for he and his Ladie both is to com for Scotland about the midle of March. Let me know wher Charles Stewart is, and if he be coming hom. Bot as I wreat to yow in my last, ye shall bear no companie with him at all. Let me know how yow ar in yowr health. Let me know, if ye send any lettres heir to Edinburgh, wher I shall have them, for I did not receave any from yow since the 29 November, which was daitit from Paris, so expecting to hear from zow with the first occassion, I rest,

Your loving father,

S. T. S. GRANTTULLY.

Ye may may send yowr letters to Aldie so long as he is at London, which will be the surest way.

A Monsieur, Monsieur Stewart che Monsieur Heues a la vill de Bourge, rue de la Bouchries, fauxbourge St. German, a Paris.

119. The SAME to the SAME.

Edinburgh, January 2–, 1669.

LOVING SONN,—I receaved yowrs, daitit the second January 1669, upon Tuysday last the 19th. thereof, and I am glaid to hear that ye ar in good health, and praised be God, I am in good health at present, bot was a moneth agoe a litle indisposed. I did not receave any from yow bot this since the 29 of November, which was daitit from Paris, and since that tym this is the third that I have wreatten to yow, for it seimes they have bein miscaried. I sent them all to Aldie. I wreat to yow in my last, desyreing yow, if ye had health and life, to com to Paris about the midle of March, and ther ye may stay untill the beginning of August, and from that ye shall com to London, for I will have

yow to stay no longer. And if ye have not so much money as will bring yow that lenth, let me know what ye stand in neid off, and I shall send ane bill of exchaing to Aldie befor he com from London, for he and his heall famellie is to be in Scotland about the midle of March. Yowr letters that yow sent to my Lord Drumond was delyvered to him at London, because he is ther as yit. I wreat to yow to know wher Charles Stewart was in my last, and ye shall send me ane returne of this so soone as possiblie ye can, so I rest,

Your loving father,

S. T. S. GRANTTULLY.

It pleased God to call on yowr sister, the Ladie Towch, 20 dayes or a moneth agoe, bot we most submitt to the will of the Lord, as also my sister Jean within this ten dayes.

A Monsieur, Monsieur Stewart che Monsieur Hewes a la vill de Bourge, rue de la Bouchries, fauxbourge St German, a Paris.

120. The SAME to the SAME.

Murthlie, February 10th, 1669.

LOVING SONN,—I receaved yours, daitit 24th January, showing me that ye receaved two of myn at the wreatting of yowr last, and since this is the third that I have wreatten to yow, and for the present, (praised be God,) I am in good health, bot it greives me much to hear from yow that ye ar troubled with a swelling of the splen and a palpitatione. And there is nothing that raises it souner nor either anger or greife, and I hope ye have no reassoun for any of these two, unles it be that ye thinke long for want of com-panie; therfor, as I wreat to yow before, ye shall com to Paris about the

latter end of March, for ther is nothing better for yow to tak away that swelling nor purging and letting blood at the hemorhoid veins, as ye did at St. Androis, and ye should vse no violent exerceise either in too much fencing or dancing, &c. All yowr freinds heir, praised be God, ar in good health, sua let me hear from yow, so soone as possiblie ye can, how ye ar in your health, which, above all other things, I should wish yow to hav a cair of. So expecting your returne with the first occassion, I rest,

Your loving father,

S. T. S. GRANTTULLY.

Yowr sister is in Burnebank, otherwayis shoe wold have sent yow ane returne. Ther is many changis heir since ye went away, for the Earle of Southesk, my lord Cowper, the Earle of Marr, Edinampill, and John Stewart in Slogenholl, ar all dead, and Fongorth is in suit in Collonell Menzies dochter, and will be maried shortly. Ardoch is died in Edinburgh yestir night.

A Monsieur, Monsieur Stewart che Monsieur Hewes a la vill de Bourge, rue de la Bouchries, fauxbourge St. German, a Paris.

121. The SAME to the SAME.

Murthly, March 15th, 1669.

LOVING SONN,—I receaved yowrs, and I am glaid to hear from yow that ye ar in good health, for in your last ye shew me that ye was troubled with ane swelling of the splen. And as for me, praised be God, I am verie weill, bot is a litle troubled with the gout; and as for yowr letters, I beleive I have receaved them all, for I think I have gotten four or fyve since ye went to Angeirs; and seing ye desyr to stay at Angeirs this summer for learning of the

langwadge, as I gave yow yowr friedom first, sua shall I now; and in October ye may com to Paris and passe the winter, that ye may com to London in the spring the next year. I have sent to Aldie ane bill of exchang for 150 lib. sterling to be sent to yow be exchaing, which is all the money that I could have at present, which I think will serve yow this winter in Paris. Bot when ye want money let me know, and it shall be sent to yow, for I know ye spend non bot what ye can not hold in. and what ye spend in good companie, and learning of yowr exercisses. I think it verie weill bestowed, and if ye have any inclination to it, I wold have yow to learn to play upon the lute. Your dear comrad, Charles Stewart, cam to Edinburgh 20 dayes agoe. I rest,

Your loving father,

S. T. S. GRANTTULLY.

Let me know what is becom of James Campbell of Fordie, or if ye have heard any word of him.

A Monsieur, Monsieur Stewart de Grantully a Angiers.

122. The SAME to the SAME.

Murthly, Apryll 18th, 1669.

LOVING SONN,—I receaved yowrs the tent of this moneth, daitit 14th March, from Angeirs, and I am glaid to hear that yow ar in good health, and, (praised be God,) I never had my health better. It seimes ye have not gotten my last, for I sent to Aldie ane bill of exchange for 150 lib. sterling, to be answered to yow either at Paris or Angeirs. And I have condiscendit to yowr desyr, sua that ye may stay in anie pairt of France this sumer ye think fittest, and com in winter tym and stay all winter at Paris. I receaved ane packet of lettres

that cam to Edinburgh to Mr. Thomas Stewart quhairin there was lettres from yow to Sir John Drumond, Powrie, Touch, and Ruthven, which I caused send to them, and that packet did not com to my hands till the tent of March, and it was daitit from Paris in December. And seing that is not the surest way, at least as I supose, ye may direct them to on Mr. Lindsay, a goldsmith, at London, or to ane servant of my Lord Lauderdaillis, whose name I have forgoten, but Aldie will wreat so much to yow to send them to any of these two persons, for he wret to me that that wold be the surest way, seing he is coming for Scotland himself. Sir John Drumond imediatlie after receipt of yowrs sent yow ane returne; I know not if it be com to your handis as yit. As for the rest, I did not sie them since they receaved yowr lettres. As for Fordie, he is not com to Scotland, for we ar informed heir that he is in Candie, in Venice, and since his away goeing thair cam never any word from him; and as I wreat to yow of befoir, your dear comrad Charles Stewart cam to Edinburgh six or seven weiks agoe, and is there as yit, and I think he is ashamed to com hom: sua expecting to hear from yow from tym to tym, I rest,

Your loving father,

S. T. S. Granttully.

Aldie wreat to me that he thinks fitest ye stay at Angeirs till the heat of the summer pas, for that is the most dangerous tym in all the year for contracting of fevouris, sua for preventing of that, if ye think fitt, ye may cause let blood this spring.

A Monsieur, Monsieur Stewart che Monsieur Hewes a la vill de Bourge, rue de la Bouchries, fauxbourge St. German, a Paris.

A Angeirs.

123. The SAME to the SAME.

Edinborrough, Junii the 12, 1669.

LOVING SONN,—I receaved yowrs, daitit at Angeirs the tent of Apryll, inclosed within ane letter of Aldie's, daitit the last of Apryll, which did not com to my hands till the last of Maij, and another from yow since, daitit the 8th Maij. I am glaid to heare that yow ar in good health, and wherin ye show me that ye have receaved ane bill of exchainge for 150 lib. sterling. And as for yowr servant, if he will not carie himselfe as a servant, ye may putt him aff, and choise any other ye will. And seing ye wreat to me that he is ane good and trustie servant, he should be something borne with. And as for what fie ye give to any servant, I am not to question that, bot mak yowr oun bargan yowr selfe, bot ye should be loath to quyt a good servant that is trustie, and as for his fie it is no great maitter. I am sure Aldie hes desyred yow to stay at Angeirs till the hotnes of the summer pas, in respect that ye was ther all winter, and theraftir ye may tak a view of the countrie. Aldie cam to Scotland abont the 12 of May, and his Ladie and his two dochters ar at London, to whom I direct my letters now in his absence; so ye may doe the like. Praised be God, for the present I am in good health, and intends, God willing, to stay heir at Edinburgh till Lambas: so expecting to hear from yow fra tym to tyme, I rest,

Your loving father,

S. T. S. GRANTTULLY.

When ever ye stand in neid of money, let me know two or thre moneths befor, and I shall send ane bill to yow.

A. Monsieur, Monsieur Stewart che Monsieur Hewes a la vill de Bourge, rue de la Bouchries, fauxbourge St. German, a Paris.

124. The SAME to the SAME.

Edinborough, Junij 25th, 1669.

LOVING SONN,—I receaved yowrs the elevent of Junij instant fra Aldie, who is for the present at Meiklour, without any dait or day of the moneth, except the year of God; and another this day, daitit the tent of Junij, and I am verie glaid to hear that yow ar in good health at present, praised be God for it, and that ye take such paines in your exercises, which I wold have yow to doe moderatlie, lest it wrong yowrselfe. I did wreat to yow since I cam heir, which was daitit the 12th of this moneth, and in Aldie's absence I did wreat to yowr sister, his ladie, ane letter direct to yow with ane letter from Powrie. I know not if it be com to yowr hands as yit, neither hade I any returne from her, bot I am hopefull that shoe will delyver it to the ordinary poast, or at least to Mr. Blair; and as for yowr relatiounes heir that ye did wreat to, that ye have receaved no returne from them, I should not be at the paines to wreat any mor to them. Bot ther is on heir, the Bishop of Dunkeld, who hes mor kyndnes for yow, which I have of himselfe be severall discourses, nor these that relaits verie near to yow; therfor I should desyre that ye should wreat to him with the first occasion, and give him thanks for his respects to yow, whom I know hes mor kyndnes for yow nor any man in Scotland. I perceave ye have receaved the bill of exchaing for 150 lib. sterling; and as I wreat to yow in my last, let me know two moneth befor ye want money, and I shall send so much to yow as I can spair. I admeir that Bailzie Glas did not give yow ane returne, bot I think it hes bein miscaried; this is the fort or fyft letter that I have receaved from yow, and ye may be assured ye shall hear from me as occassion serves. I wreat to yow befor that if ye had a genius for it to learn to play upon the lute, and I wold have yow to stay quher yow ar till the heat of sumer pas,

and then to trawell in any place of the countrie ye think fittest, and in winter to com and stay at Paris. At present, praised be God, I am in good health, and intends to stay till near Lambas heir,

I rest, your loving father,

S. T. S. GRANTTULLY.

A Monsieur, Monsieur Stewart, che Monsieur Hewes a la vill de Bourge, rue de la Bouchries, fauxbourge St. German, a Paris.

125. The SAME to the SAME.

Murthly, August 20th, 1669.

LOVING SONN,—I am glaid to hear that yow ar in good health; and as for me, I thank God I am verie weill for the present. I receaved amongist yowrs ane letter to the Bishop of Dunkeld, and another to Aldie, which I sent to them; and as for yowr playing upon the lute, ye need not trouble yowrselfe for that, for ye have not so much tym now that ye can learne, for it serves for no vse unles ye had yowr musick. And as I wreat to yow of befor, ye shall constantlie hear from me as occassion offers; so having no mor for the present, but wishing yow good health, I rest,

Your loving father,

S. T. S. GRANTTULLY.

A Monsieur, Monsieur Stewart, che Monsieur Hewes a la vill de Bourge, rue de la Bouchries, fauxbourge St. German, a Paris.

126. The SAME to the SAME.

Murthly, the last of September 1669.

LOVING SONNE,—I receaved yours yisterday, daited from Orleance the 14th of this instant, s[h]owing that ye receaved ane of myn the day befor ye sent

this away, datit the 20th August, and since this is the third that I have sent, and I receaved another of yours, daitit the 4th September from Orleance, and as wher ye desyre to send money at fardest againe the last of November, and as ye desyr two hundreth pound sterling ye shall be sure to have one als neir that tyme as I cane, for I can get no more for the present, and because it will be very deare living in Paris, ye may stay at Orleance w[nt]ill the begining of December, for ye may learne your exerceises als weill ther as ye can doe in Paris, and ye may com to Paris in the begining of December and stay till March, and from thence to London. Allwayes doe in this as ye think fitt, and I shall wreat to Aldie to get the bill to Paris, and if that money will not serve yow to bring yow to London, advertise me a moneth befor. And as for your cloathes, I wold have yow bot to buy on suit at Paris, unles they be fashionable when ye com to the Court of England, for if they be out of the fashion, they will serve for no vse, so ye can not weare them ther. And I doubt not what money ye get, bot I hope I shall think it weill bestowed when it pleases God we meit. As for the Bishope of Dunkeld, I wreat to yow that I sent him your letter, and as for Charles Stewart, I did give yow ane accompt befor that I neither heard from his father nor him, nor no other persone that any of them did speak any thing in relatione to yow since he cam to Scotland. So assuring your self that ye shall hear from me fra tyme to tyme as occasion offers, I rest

Your loving father,

S. T. S. GRANTTULLY.

A Monsieur, Monsieur Stewart, che Monsieur Hewes a la vill de Bourge, rue de la Bouchries, fauxbourg St. German, a Paris.

127. The SAME to the SAME.

Murthly, 15th January 1670.

LOVING SONE,—I receaved yours this day, which is the first that I have receaved from yow since the dait of your last, quhilk is the 22 October, which I admeir of. I heard oftner from yow when ye was at a greater distance, and I am glaid to hear that ye ar in good health. I perceave ye have receaved the bill for 100 lib. sterling. And as for the other 100 lib. that ye desyr, ye shall have it about the begining of March. And as for buying of cloathes, ye may buy them when ye com to the Court of England, which will be most fashionable for Scotland. As for your intended journey to com be Flanders and Holland till England, I am nowayes for that, in respect of the troubles; for if ye knew my condition, which I did never accqwaint yow with befor, which is about the penult of Jully last, I fell over the stair coming out of my oun chalmer in Edinburgh, and hurt my luingie bone, and did stay thereafter two moneth in Edinburgh till I thoght to have recovered within that space, and thereafter cam home in ane chairot, and ever since hes never bein able to goe nor ryd bot upon two staves, sua that I am not able to doe any bussienes that I have to doe, which does concerne yow als much as me, for I think this is a very relevant reasson to mak yow com hom the sooner. Therefor I shall desyr yow, if health and life permitt, to com to London about the hinder end of March, that, God willing, ye may be heir about the latter end of Apryll. Bot I shall leave this to yourselfe to tak it to yowr consideration. I wreat to yow in my last to try anent these relations that Burnbean hes in France if they wer on life or not. So wishing yow all health and happieness, I rest,

Your loving father,

S. T. S. GRANTTULLY.

As for your servant, if he hes a mynd to com to Scotland, I perceave ye

intend to fie ane Frensh boy, and ye have neid to try that he be trustie, for I intend to have Patrick Ramsay with myself agane Witsonday, who for present is with Sir John Drumond.

A Monsieur, Monsieur Stewart, che Monsieur Hewes a la vill de Bourge, rue de la Bouchries fauxbourg St. German, a Paris.

128. The SAME to the SAME.

Murthly, first March 1670.

LOVING SONNE,—I have wreatten to yow twyse in relation to my indisposition, bot I never got any returne, for it seimes ye doe not value it much. I shall desyr now, as of befor, that ye com to London about the end of this moneth or the beginning of the next, for ye shall not goe till Holland; and if ye will goe, doe not expect any mor money from me, for I thoght my desyr had been enough to yow as an command. And if ye com to London, if ye stand in neid of money, what I can spair I shall send it to yow. I have sent ane bill to Aldie for 100 lib. sterling, quhilk I have desyred him to send to yow, quhairof thair is fyftie pound for your oune vse, and 50 lib. for buying of fyve dissoun of beatten gold buttons, which is ten pounds Scotts for every button. Let the frame of them be lik ane wannutt rigged, and of alse great bignes as can be of that pryce, for I know they ar all bosse, casten in ane mould, and let the lups be strong for tying of them to the coat; and tak some bodie with yow that has better skill nor yourselfe least they cheat yow. And if ye think that this frame is not fashionable, ye may mak them of any othir frame that is most in vse, for I beleive the vnce of gold in made work wil be very near thrie pound sterling, for they are all boght be weight, and so much for the workmanship, and if Aldie send yow bot fyftie pound sterling, quhilk

is for your oune vse, ye shall buy non at all. For I have desyred him to buy them at London if he can get them at alse cheape a rait as they can be had at Paris. I did expect ane returne of my last befor this tyme, for it seimes it does not please yow. I shall say no more at this tyme. I rest,

Your loving father,

S. T. S. GRANTTULLY.

A Monsieur, Monsieur Stewart, che Monsieur Hewes a la vill de Bourge, rue de la Bouchries fauxbourge Sainct German, a Paris.

129. The SAME to the SAME.

Murthly, 13th May 1670.

LOVING SONNE,—I receaved yours, daitit 30 Apryll, desyring me that I should let yow stay two or thrie monethis longer at London, quhilk I should glaidlie condiscend to if I wer able to travell myselfe about my oune bussienes; and as wher ye show me that ther will be litle done this session, that is a clear mistak, for ther is a perempter day the first of Junij assigned to me for debaiting of it in the Inner House, and I am sure within two or thrie dayes afterhend, I will either lose or gain the bussienes; for this hes bein in this twelf monethis, quhilk is a bussines of twentie thowsand merkis betuixt my brother and me, which I beleive does concerne yow als much as me, and if ye have a mynd to goe for London again, to stay ther two or thrie monethis, I shall not be againest it, for I know your being ther present with my informatione to yo[w would] signifie alsemuch as I wer ther myselfe, and as for my obligationes to yow, I will stryve to requyt them according to my power. I receaved ane letter this day from Edinburgh, shouing me that

upon Wednesday last that the Parliament is adjourned by proclamatioun till the 20 of Julty. Therfor I shall desyr that ye wold com doun with Aldie to be heir again the first of Junij. So having no farder at present, I rest,

Your loving father,

S. T. S. GRANTTULLY.

For his loving sonne John Stewart at London.

130. SIR JOHN DRUMOND of Burnbank to JOHN STEWART, younger of Grandtully.

Murthlye, 22 November 1669.

RIGHT HONORABILL,—I was weary glaid att my hither coming to find the renewment of your former kyndnessis so fully insert in your civill and respectiw letter, wherwith I am so satisfyed to know of your welfair, with your cordiall remembrenc of your freinds who honors and loues yow als dearly as any belongs yow, and so mutch out of cowntinance to know that yow newer haw hard nor had a letter bot onc sinc your being in France, that I know not how too appolligice, seing it is the commone evasion to say they ware miscaried, whilk I may justly affirm and proue my agents too greatt dilligenc in sending to London, thinking that Aldie could send them better then they could be gotten from this. Bot all I can do is to helpe itt now, whilk, God willing, I sall, by sending to your father to be enclosed in his packett. Your sister and neisses are well, I thanke God for itt, and I know ther is no earthly thing wil be more satisfactorye to [them] then to know of your welbeing, wherof I could haw wisheid you had bein a littell mor free in latting vss know how yow tack with the temper of the aire and place of

the countrye or citie into itt yow keeped your health best, or lyked the honmors of the people with the loulyest and fairest womane. How yow prospered in your langadge and excersissis, with how soon, God willing, yow intended hom, and wher yow intend to resid, for, albeit, I will not quarrell nor say mutch, this is only the seeond I had from yow, without eather day or deatt, as, God willing, yow sall see att meetting, and till then I haw enlardged this peapre the longer, desyring how I may find some discours to entertinie yow with, seing yow know, by the Gazets, all our newes, except it be our mariadges, whilkes comes on so fast that, if yow heast not hom, yow most eather bring on with yow, or yow will hardly be served in this couutrie. For Hattoun's sonn is contracted vpon the Heretrick of Loundye, the Lord Hunttingtour (grandchyld to William Murray of the bedchalmer) to his douchter, Thirlston to the Ladye Lundie's sister, and the Mester Carnikhall to Maistres Beatrixe, Madertie's douchter,—with many mor. All your friend ar well in the ould faschion, and, when I goe hom, I sall caus my wyff return yow her auine thankes for your kyndnesse herself, so I rest and sall ewer remain,

Yonr most affectionat brother and reall servant,

S. J. Drumond.

Our sister, Maistres Elezabethe, and I are tackin our morning drink to your good helth, who presents her servic to you, and prayes for a spiedie and saiff return.

For the right honourabll the Laird of Granttully, younger, a Monsieur, Monsieur Steuart, che Monsieur Heues a la vill de Bourge, rue de la Boucheries fauxbourg St. German, a Paris.

131. The Lady Amelie Stanley, Countess of Atholl, to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully.

Dunkeld, 8th August [*c.* 1669].

Sir,—If I did not resolue never to trouble you in this manner againe, I should not haue confidence to doe it now, soe that I hope you will excuse me, whois earnest entreatie is that you would be pleased to let as many horses as you can spare goe, any time between Munday and Friday next, to the Bridge of Earne, where there will bee one to attend them to the place, which is near hand, where the lime is to carie it hether, and whatever is between my Lord and you, I will answer for it. You may command as many horses of ours, any other time, soe that I hope to be the more easily dispenced with, since I will allsoe assure you of my reall being,

Your affectionatt humble servant,

Amelie Atholl.

For Sir Thommas Stewart.

132. The Same to the Same.

Edinburgh, the 4th November [1669].

Sir,—Your former fauours encourages mee to giue you this trouble, which is occassion'd by my being att this time in great want of 2 coach horses, ours being dead, which confines me to the house, and makes me take the libertie to entreate you will be pleased to lend me two of your best, which are used to goe next the wheeles. I assure you there shall be a great care had of them, and that they shall be restored safe and sound; or if any mischance befall them, you shall have any rate for them you pleas. My Lord is trying all he

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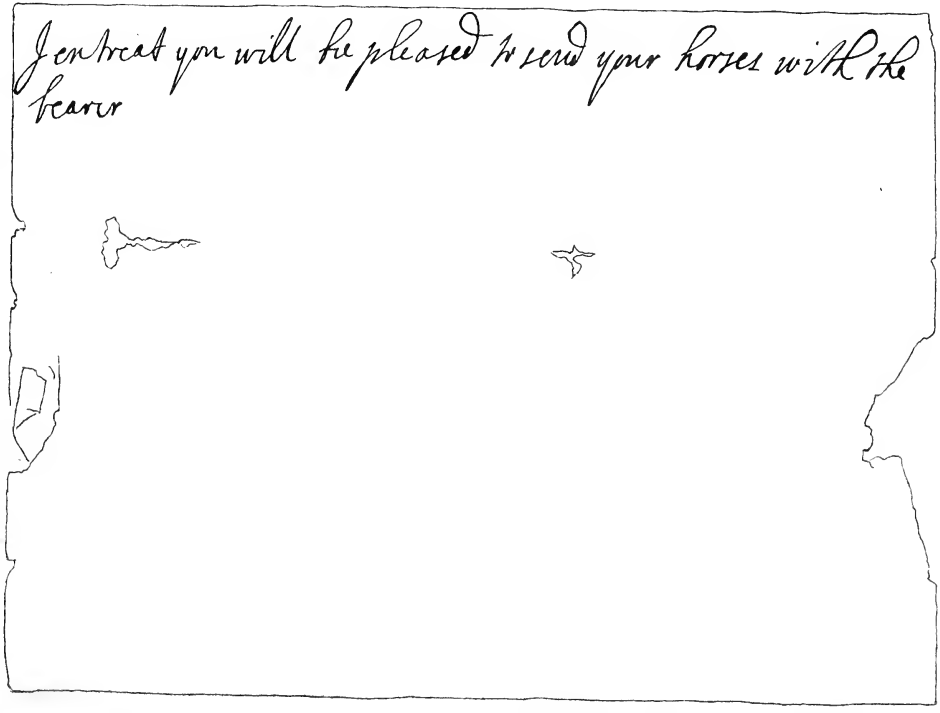
to do me this favour you will oblidge
very much

my Lord. commands
me to assure you of
his affectionate
service you have
both our good wishes
for your perfect recovery

y^r very affec: friend
& servant
Athelle Athboll

I entreat you will be pleased to send your horses with the bearer



For the Laird of Garntele

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can to buy 2 good ones, which I hope hee will doe shortly; but in the meantime, if you pleas to doe me this favour, you will oblidge very much,

Your very affectionatte frend and seruant,

AMELIE ATHOLL.

My Lord commands me to assure you of his affectionate seruice. You haue both our good wishes for your perfect recouery.

I entreat you will be pleased to send your horses with the bearer.

For the Laird of Garntule,—these.

133. The SAME to the SAME.

Edinburgh, 16th February 1670.

SIR,—I haue sent back, by the bearer, one of the coatch horses that ye was pleas'd to lend me; the other dyed a litle efter he came to toune; bot, according to my promise, I will take care to cause pay yow for him att any rate yow pleas; this horse I caused keep heir all this tyme, thinking to haue gottine him matched, bot could not, I hope ye will excuise me for itt.

I am, sir,

Your affectionate humble seruant,

For the Lairde of Garintullie,—These.

134. WALTER SCOTT, Earl of Tarras, to JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

London, Junne 7th [16]70.

SIGNORE,—La sua gratiosissima ho ricevuto piena di tante espressioni di benevolenza ed amicitia verso di me come se fossi jo persona di granda

consequenza. Non so perche jo sia cosi favorito da lei se non che vossignoria illustrissima voglia imitare Iddio che stima le cose picciole e sprezzabili della terra, et rigetta quelle che sono grandi et potenti tra li mortali. Mi cognosco veramente indegnissimo di tanto honore, e le protesto che niuna cosa desidero con piu grand' ardore che d'esser tenuto da lei per uno de suoi devotissimi servitori. Finisco con quella supplicatione di conservarmi sempremai la parte che essa m'ha promessa nella cara sua amistà, cio è di chiamarmi sempre di vossignoria illustrissima servitore divotissimo.

Tarras

For the Laird of Garnetullie, yonger, Scotland.

135. MICHAEL MALCOLM, younger of Balbedie, to JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

Balbedie, 6 December 1670.

RIGHT HONOURABLE,—Yisternight I receaved a letter of youris, daitted the 15 of the last month. Your desyre therin concerning the wnione I have severall tymes written to yow befor this, but it seems that those letteris have beine miscarried. Severall of our commissioneris ar come doune, as my Lord Kincairne and Sir William Bruce, and be this tyme my Lord Chancellor is one his way, with severall wtheris with him, but nothing done in the wnione as yitt, butt deferred till May nixt. Haltone is hilie adwanced from being a Lord of Sessione to be Earle of Dundie, and Collonell of his Majesties regement hear in Scotland. The wholl adwocats, as yitt, stand outte, and will not enter to plead, notwithstanding of the King's letter to them, which the President opned and read to them this last week, in the sessione house,

wherby his Majestie expreslie commanded that, conforme to the act maid in the last sessione of Parliament for regulating of them in ther exactiones from ther cleients, and for giving ther oathe efter the tennor of the said act, they should immediatlie enter to plead, yitt they all refuisse, and offeris to lay doune ther gounes, wnles they be granted the libertie to plead as formerlie. But what it may turne to few as yit knows. It is thought that if they doe not enter to ther pleading shortlie, his Majestie will take som course with them. Noe more att present, but remaines still reddie to give yow thankis for your proferred coatt when I receave it, and rests,

Your ever obledged servant,

MICH. MALCOLM.

For the right honorable the Laird of Gairntullie, younger. To be left att Bailzie Lamb's,—These.

136. JEAN STEUART, wife of Sir James Mercer of Aldie and Meiklelour, to her brother JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

London, 23 of February [16]71.

HONORED AND DEAR BROTHER,—I suppose my letter to my father has informed you of the sadd dispensatione the Lord has been pleased to inflict upon me, yett apprehending me oblidged in dutie to you has troubled you with this followeng account of it. My dear husband has complained all this winter of a violent paine in his breast, and a stopping of his breath which at last proved unexpectedly mortall, for at ten a cloak in the morning on Soonday last, it pleased the Almightie God to call him to himself, he having desired his eldest daughter to read some passages of Scripture to him, in the time she was reading he expired with a great groan, not speaking one word. He had been indisposed some days before, but not so that [the] phisitians

feared his death from that distemper. The next day he was dissected, and in the right ventricle of his heart, was found a great quantity of fatt matter, about the bignesse of a plume, with tuo grains going from it about the lenth of tuo fingers, which had interrupted (as phisitians say) the circulatione of the blood, which, not having its naturall motione and course, chocked him in a sud-daine; the maladie was such that it could not be discovered by the most skillfull artists, and thogh they had detected its cause, yett could never have remeded it. His body is embalmed, and to-morrou is to goe from this to Kirkcaldie in Fife, so I confidently hope you will sheu your brotherly affectione, so to him and to me, as to take speciale care the last dutie be performed to him as honorably and creditably as becomes a personne of his quality and worth. You may easily conjecture how unfitt I am nou to direct or order anything of that nature, therefor most leave it absolutely to your oun and other freinds discretione to dispose of it, and what trouble you shall be att in performance of what I thus earnestly begg, shall not only be accounted ane evidence of your respects to him, but shall infinitely oblidge her who shall ever subscribe me,

Dear brother, your affectionate sister and seruant,

JEANE STEUART.

I pray, send this enclosed to my father, with ane expresse, so soon as you receive it.

For the right honorable the Laird of Gairntully, yunger,--These.

137. SIR THOMAS STEWART of Grandtully to his son, JOHN STEWART, apparent of Grandtully.

Dunkeld, last February 1671.

SONE,—I receaued yours showing me off Aldie's death, whilk trubells me verie much, and the more that I ame not able to doe him the last deuty,

whilk I ame not able in respect of my indispositione, for his wyff wrets to me to hawe ane ceare off the buriell, and off transporting his corps to Perth to his buriell place, whilk I know not how to doe till I meet with some off his freinds, for he decesit the nyntein of this instant, and his corps was imbarked the tuentie tuo, and, as I ame informed be James Hellyburtane, his chalmerlane heir, that his corps is to be at Kirkaldie on Feirsday or Fryday at farthest, for he receaued ane lettre from his natural sone, who comis about with the corps. I wold hawe yow to spek to Baillzie Mercer that he may send for his brother, Mr. Robert, with some wther of his freindis, that he thinks fittist, to adwyse when the corps sall be interred at Perth, and what way his buriell salbe ordored, and therefter to aquant me with ther adwyce. Lett me know with the first occassione when yow wold hawe your hors sent to Brunteiland, for you must vaitt to come alongist with the corps giwe they be presentlie transported to Perth; but I think that cannot be doone till freinds meit to sett doun the way of the doing of it. Sua this much in hest.

I rest your lowing father,

S. T. S. GRANDTTULLY.

Receaue the within inclosed, and giue itt Baillie Mercer to be sent away with the first post.

For John Stewartt, appeirand of Grantullie,—Thes.

138. JEAN STEUART, Lady Aldie, to her brother, JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

London, 27 of March [16]71.

I RECEVED yours of the 22 of this instant, and I acknouledge myself extreamly oblidged to you for your care in concerneng you so in my affaire, but this councell of Sir George Mackeinzie's will not satisfie alone, for those personnes

who most doe for me what is to be done heer in that businesse will not be pleased unlesse they have the Lord Advocat's consultatione of it, subscribed by his oun hand, and his advise in everie thing that is to be done heer for secureng of it; and if any signature must be past in reference to it, I pray you wold be pleased to cause draue it accordeng to the Lord Advocat's prescriptione, and likewise lett me knou hou I most carry in it heer.

Dear brother, I thank you very kindly for what pains ye been at in waiteng for my dear husband's corps, and likwais for your good advice. I hope the shipe will be come before this come to your hands. Allas! allas! my los is so grat, that the mor I think of him the greater is my griue. I most confess I cannot get Paul's lesson learned, to be content in every condition. The Lord pardone me and giue me the santefied ves of this sade affliction. Wisheng all health and hapenis to atend yow, I rest,

Your loueing sister and seruant,

JEANE STEUART.

Sir,—I intreat you caus your man deliuer the inclosed.

Sir,—I intreat you let me heau the return of this as soone as yow can. Jean and Grisell heas their seruis presented to you.

For the right honoured the Laird of Grantullye, younger,—Thes.

139. THOMAS STEUART, afterwards Sir Thomas Steuart, Lord Balcaskie, to JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 15th May 1671.

RYCHT HONOURABILL,— . . . The newes we haue here are that on the 9th instant there went five notorious fellowes in grave and disguised habits to the Tower of London, and desyred the favour of the keeper of the Tower as to have a sight

of the crown and honours of England, whereto he condescended, and when they had seen them, one of them stabed the keeper in the shoulder, and skobed his mouth that he might not cry, and they carryed out the crown, being about 5 a'clock in the morning. The keeper's sone providentiallie met the fellowes on the staires going at a fast rate, whereupon he suspects them, and went quickly fordward to the roume where his father was, and found him in the posture I have told, and takes the skobe from his mouth, and he presently cryes the crown was gone, whereupon the young man follows hard and allurms the guard that the crown was gone, and to hold the rogues; yet notwithstanding they had almost past all the guards, save the last, and they attempted to apprehend the rascals. They fired, and three of them were seized on, and the other two escaped, but one of the three apprehended had the crown, but it was much tashed and spoylt. This occasioned a very great hubbub and noise in the city. The King caused bring them to Whithall, and examined them before himselfe: and they declare they are all Inglish men, and some of them Devinshire men, but whither they were hired to doe it upon some plot, its not here perfectly understood as yet, but againe the nixt, God willing, ye shall know. Sir, there are many Frenshes come to London of late from Dunkirk, amongst whom are one of the Dukes of France. The French King is gone from Dunkirk, a[nd has] left there 28 thousand souldiers for diging of trenches to draw t[hem] about the fortificationes, and to make safe harbours for ships, every . . . thousand of which are at work by turns. My Lord Chamberlain of England is dead, and his place supplied. As to my lady Aldie's business, Sir, I shall remitt any account thereof to what I have written to your father, only that my Lord Advocat asked for you, and whither or not ye were maried, to the latter of which I told, not, and he marvelled why ye were so farre wanting to yourselfe. I hope, Sir, my boldness in giving you account thereof shall not offend you, but if it doe, I shall willingly recant what I have

said, and humbly creave pardon for the same. Thus feareing, Sir, I have detained you too long from better divertisement, and my best wishes being with you, dearest chiefe and kindest patron, I, to death, subscribe

Sir, your loving Cusin, most obliged and faithfull servant,

T. STEUART.

For the rycht honorabill the Laird of Grantully, younger.

140. MICHAEL MALCOLM, younger of Balbedie, to JOHN STEWART, younger of Grandtully.

Balbedie, 3 November [16]71.

RIGHT HONORABLE,—This day I receaved your kynd letter, with your present of most excellentt nuts, for which I most cordiallie thank yow, and accordinglie, as ye have ordred me, in the eatting of them, to mynd yow, so I intend, and to cause wthers in cracking of them, crack of my hieland patrone. I am fullie persuaded, by your present, that its your desyre to be in constant remembrance by those to whom ye carrie any respect, for your present being of such a dray nature that, in making use of them, they putte us in mynd of drink, so, I hope, they shall have the lyk wertew as to cause us in our cups mynd him who is the occasione thereof. My mother haith hir service most humblie remembred to yow, and withall renders yow verrie many thanks for your ereuiuck, and beseeks you to be myndfull of your promis that, when ye come to Fyiffe, ye will come and stay a night or tuo hear, according as ye promised to my father when ye was last hear. I wrott to yow the last week with Mr. Robert Malcolme, who was to leave the letters att your wnckel's in St. Johnstoune. If they be come to your hands, pray lett me have ane ansuer with the first occassione. Ther is noe news hear. My father being yesterday att Leslie, I thought he should have brought home news, but ther is never a

word ther, saive that the Earle of Marshell is dead, and the Leday Cromlicks, so that if ye intend for Dinbouge, ther is no obstackle of that kynd more, but ye may have the heritable right without any lyferent. As to that busines which concerns my selffe, whereof I spok to yow, I have noe body to whom I cane maik my addresse who may speak to my father therein, but when any thing is done therein, ye shall have ane accompt, and of all wther things whatsomever that concerns me. Ye will be pleased to lett me know, by a lyne, before ye come to Fyiffe, of your coming, so that I may waitt your dyett. Not troubling you any farder, I rest still,

Right honorable, your obledged servant till death,

MICH. MALCOLM.

My father hes his service presented to the Laird, your father, and to the young E. T.

I delyvered your commands to Pitcairlie, who, befor ane graitt company of straingers, in his owine house, was pleased to expresse himselffe your most obledged servantt.

For the right honorable the Laird of Gairntullie, younger,—These.

141. THOMAS STEUART, afterwards Lord Balcaskie, to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully, dated 11th December 1671.

SIR GEORGE MACKENZIE was receaved King's Advocate yesterday, in face of counsell, and afterward the King's letter was read, wherein he declares that all offices of state and other publicke trusts are to continue only dureing his royal pleasure, and revokable when his Majestie thinke fitting, and ordaining all the present officers of State and members of Treasurie to signe a submis-

sione to this purpose, which the King's Advocate drew up, whereby they submitte in the termes of the King's letter, and renounces any pretext of defence in law or otherwise that can be founded on or pleaded by vertew of their former commissions and patents under the broad seale, which accordingly was signed by them all unanimously, before the signeing whereof my Lord Chancellour had a pretty discourse, insinuating very succintly his hearty and chearefull complyance with his Majestie's pleasure as to all the points of his letter, and whou unwilling he was to imbrace the high trust he had, and whou unfitt and unable he was to discharge the weighty and difficulte duties thereof, and whou to his outmost endeavour he had carryed himselfe therein with all the zeale and straightness he possibly could, but that he was absolutly commanded to undertake it by the King, after frequent and earnest defyes, so that non, he hoped, will doubt of his sincere readiness and willingness to lay it now at his Majestie's feet. Whoaever he is like to continue therein, as is said for a while, at least my lord Argyll's business against the Mackleans was remitted to the Committy, who are to make their report this afternoone by four a'clock, at which time the Counsell meets. My lord Marquess of Athole and Argyll are now very good friends, and has mutually embraced and saluted each other. My lord Murry's marriage is to be, as is said, before the Duke leave this place to goe for Ledingtoune. My Lord Marashall of England arrived here yesternight, upon his journey to see his sone in law the Marquess of Huntly and his lady.

142. JAMES RYMER to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully.

St. Andrews, Martij 29, 1672.

RIGHT HONORABELL SIR,—I received your gift, and the aqua vitae hath already received the approbation of a great part of the clergy, it coming first to the

new colledge, quher I was casually in the rector's chamber. For it I thank your honour. But as for the other particular you wrote, I must ansuer with silence, it being so far above my complement. My want of merit for that person makes me ashamed to plead strongly at your hands quhat my inclinations strongly lead me to, but if your godnes shal move you to overvalue me so as to move further in it, it cannot but be looked on as a very eminent obligation put upon him quhom by many undeserved respects you have already oblidged to be,

Right honorabell, your very humble servant,

JA. RYMER.

SIR,—Your nepheus here ar well, and learne well, especialy Johne, who is nothing inferiour, if not superiour, to the best of his classe, and carries himself to the great satisfaction of us all.

Let these present my very humble duty to the Laird.

Sir, remember to speak the Laday Pourie to knou uhat An: Young said concerning buying of Holland commodities, and if shee can get yron and other gros commodities.

For the right honorabell the Laird of Grantully, younger,—These.

143. THOMAS STEUART, afterwards Lord Balcaskie, to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully. 6th June 1672.

RYGHT HONORABLE,—Had occasione served, I should have given yow the newes on Tuesday last, which were then of no great concernment, and as yet are short of what was expected before this time (notwithstanding the impatient longings that were here for them amongst great and small), but the short account of such as they are, are as followes: There be scarce a persone

of any qualitie on this syde of Forth, (as also not a few of the other,) but are gone to meet the Commissioner and his Dutchess, and likewise a great many Ladyes, Chancellour, and all the sessione, is this day adjourned till Tuesday nixt, and the Lords are gone upon that earand; for he is to be at his own house of Lidingtoune to-morrowes night, and is expected here on Saturday or Munday nixt at furthest. And ye may be sure, Sir, there are no small preparationes for his receptione here. There has been of late a fire hard by the Tower of London, which has brunt sixtie houses, and some six or seven ships lying on the syde of the river. The Militia Lothian regiments, in like manner, are agoeing to meet his Grace. As to the newes of the fleets, and their prodigious fight, I shall remitt the same to the yesternights Newes Lettre (a copy quhereof I have herewith sent), as also a Gazett giving ane account of more forreigne newes. I humbly judged it needless to send your sone copies of these, but has made bold to referre him to yours, as likewise your other nearest friends, as your honour shall thinke fitting. There be greater newes expected once this week, and if they come, ye shall, God willing, have them with the first occasione. This much for newes.

As to business, I hope, Sir, and heartily wishes these debates betwixt your honour and Thomas Young and his copartners are, or may be, so composed as that they shall not come to any further publick heareing, and hopes, Sir, ye would not repent their removalls, speciallie at this juncture of affaires (when a molehill will be made a mountaine), against any persone of any considerable interest wanting great court and moyon, which at present regulats matters of greatest importance. Your other affaires shall be lookt to as their seasones allowes them to come in. I doubt not, Sir, but your sone (if the Lord permit) will be here on Munday or Tuesday nixt at furthest. I pray you, Sir, forget not to cause send hither the procuratorie from Aldie's daughter, subscribed as it should be, with his man, or the first occasione, for

I hope the service shall be exped immediatly thereafter, and I thought to have had the summons at her instance, against the pretended heire-male, ready againe this occasione, Robert Mcknaire, but feares they shall not be exped before he goe, but if not, with the nixt I shall send them. They are drawen by Pitkerly (whom I find most ready to serve both your honour and her). He and his lady, with your other friends here, are in good health. I find, Sir, Mr. Nathaniell Fyf has been consulted, and has sollisted for her adverse party, and as yet tampers on with them, so that he is not for her service, and I suppose that this be reasone enough to cause your honour quite him, tho there were no moe (tho others are not wanting). And the truth is, Sir, had I not more then reasone, I should not speake thus (much less) writ of any man, for (tho I say it myselfe, it's not very much my humour); wherefore, if ye thinke it not fitting to continow him, ye'l be pleased to let me know whom ye intend to substitute in his place, and in case (not knowing who may be fittest, because of your not being here of a long time,) ye should not easily know whom to name, I shall humblie take the boldness on me to propose Mr. Patrick Lyon, tho I shall not presume to doe it by way of recommendatione or advice, because some may suppose the consideratione of his being once my master might have prompted me thereto, but I were the ungratest and basest of all living, if aither that superficiall interest, or any other, should move me to doe anything aither to your, or her, prejudice; but, Sir, perswading myselfe that ye will be farre from any such thoughts, I shall not trouble yow with apologyies in my own vindication, only this much, I will confidently say in his favoures, that he is a good and able young man, and, considering his standing, has as much imployment, and has spoake as much, both in the Inner and Outter House, as any of that faculty; and I know he has considerable moyon with a great many of the lords, and specially with the President, my Lord Craigy, Lord Lee, and Castlehill. Thus feareing I

have incroached too much already (my best wishes and respects being with your honour and all your sincere wellwishers), I take leave to subscribe myselfe, with a good heart,

Sir, your honour's loving nephew, most obliged and devoted servant,

Edinburgh, 6th Junij 1672. T. STEWART.

Suppose I mentione a gazett, I could have non, naither for money nor moyon, for they print few or non, and they were all disposed of, but whowever their newes very inconsiderable.

For the ryght honorable Sir Thomas Steuart of Grantullie.

144. SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully to his son, JOHN STEUART, fiar of Grandtully.

Dunkeld, 18 January 1673.

LOWING SONE,—I receaued yours deated the sevinth of January. As for Mr. Bell, I hawe writtin my ovine answer to him concerning the Bischope of Dumblaine, naither doo I know who is Bischope for the present, for I beleive this zeir's dewtie belongis to the leate Bischope. And as for your nice, I beleive Sir William Purves will not help himself mutch. As for dressing of my cotche, I will not send her over till I know what he takis for dressing of her, for giue I wold send her over, I behowed to giue him what euer he sowght, or ells bring her home againe, quhilk will stand me neir alse mutch as I wold giue for the dressing of her, for she neidis nothing but taking away the bootis and putting in glassis for them, and opning of her behend and before; for the leather is alss good as it wer new, and as for cheangeing of her, I beleive Moseman hes non that I wold cheange with. When yow goe to my Lord Sanctandrose, ask att him giue he will tak the tack teind dewtie of Dwll,

and giue me ane dischairge for this zeir and zeirs preceiding, for the last dischairge he geave me was with ane proviso giue the tack deutie was no more nor four scor therettin pund eight shilling, and for cleiring of this you may show him the tack, quhilk I hawe sent over with Mr. William Nearne. And as for these disches, I will send them ower when the horss is abill to treavill. And as for Aldie's daughter, she is just as she was, for she takis it be fittis, for she will be four or fyve hours wery weill, then she will be so therefter that yow wold not think she wold live halff ane hour, for it comes wp to her throatt and is lyk to chock her, for Doctor Midilltoune and Labathie hes bein bothe with her, but non of them can tell wherfrom it proceidis. Therfor I wold hawe yow speak Doctor Young, and see what he sayis, and gett his adwyce theranent. So I rest,

Your loving father,

For John Steuartt, fiare of Grantullie,—Thes.

145. Lieutenant-Colonel WILLIAM MERCER to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully.—22d January 1673.

HONORABLE SIR,—Haveing had some conference with yow in this mater of Aldye's, yow being now onely in place of both father and husband to the family, I haue ben advisd, and also thought fit of my silfe, to truble you

with these few lynes. Sir, being invited and encouraged by letters to Dublin, to come and testify my interest by birth, yet now I find that of no effect by the entayle being broken, and so, as it is, whither it was realy so done, never to be altered by Sir Jeames, and if delyvered, as it is, I mynd not to question what so vertuous a lady affirms; but being here, I sie the words are first, (She marrying a Mercer,) hold there. I hear of others of the name besids my son, if any appears fit; a Mercer shall satisfie my mynd in the marriage, but since I am brought hither (by providence and perswasion), I offer to perform all points; therefore, if you wilbe pleasd to cause my Lady come here, or appoint others to that effect, if I accomplish not conditions, then the fields will be faire, and the young lady at liberty. I was of late in presence of great persons, who, hearing me, approvd of what I spoke, but a person of quality said this: it is intended, said he, that a nephew of Gardentully's shall be marry'd to her, and engross the estates to themselves; but a person of honour replyed, Gardentully would never go about the lyke whilst a hopefull Mercer might be had. Sir, I shall not hold you longer, but, as I said to a wise nobleman in his great concernments (*verbum sapienti*), which he found tru. Let me onely in modesty say this, before I be befool'd in it, I will make more of the mater then it is all worth, and how ever it goes, put it upon record, untill tyme shall be swallowed up into eternity. My son may be as well without it as with it, and if in it, by God's blessing, may double the worth of the estate. Sir, I account my selfe capable of doing yow much honor and service, amongst many I have to do with, and should be very sorry to enterpret my text, or turn it to another sence then I have of late thought upon. You are a person of integrity and honour, and will not now seek to be instrumentall to obliterate a lyne of so long continuance, wich cannot be don but with difficulty and offence. God may be sean to appeer in justice alredy in the family. It were not well don to provoke wrath any more, but

alow your lawfull advise, and assistance, and that will please God, and content all partyes, and get great applause to Gardntully, as well as stop the mouthes of many men muttering mischiefs in the matter. Do me the honour to haue a lyne in answer hereunto, and that shall either setle the thing soberly, or set the wheele on work another way. I confide in your noble complyance, and that the burden ly upon my selfe. I honour you. I kiss your hand, and am,

Noble Sir, your most humble servant at command,

WM. MERCER.

Edinburgh, 22th January 1673.

For Sir Thomas Steuart of Gardntully, Knight,—These.

146. JAMES LORD DRUMMOND, afterwards fourth Earl of Perth, to his Aunt, GRIZEL STEUART, wife of Sir John Drummond of Logiealmond.

Drummond, February 19, 1673.

MADAM,—I doubt your ladyship has heard of my wife's being brought to bed of a boy; bot Mr. Drummond's death did so take me up, I could not get time to write to you sooner. The enclosed are from Sir John. Your Ladyship may keep the prints. My wife is pretty well, and your Ladyship's humble servant; so is my father, sister, and

Madam, your Ladyship's most affectionate nephew and humble servant,

J. DRUMMOND.

For my Lady Logie Amond.

147. THOMAS WALLACE, Edinburgh, to SIR THOMAS STEWART of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 26 June 1673.

RIGHT HONORABILL SIR,—The great honor and service I had for Sir James Mercer of Adie whill he lived, oblidges me still to wish all happines to his family and relationes, which makes me give yow the trouble of this lyne, though it be not my custome to intrude upon the effaires of other people. But I hope your goodnes will pardone that which proceedes out of meer kyndnes, and mak vse of it as yow find convenient. The mater is, a very discreet gentleman, Lieutenant-Colonell Mercer, was pleased to give me a visit as on whom report had made him believe to be a friend and servant to that family; and, after some other discourses, he was pleased to fall wpon the present conditione of it, to which I behoued to acknoledge my self altogether a stranger; yet the gentlemane's proposells on behalf of his sone in order to the preserving of that familly, both in the name and blood, with his sone's qualificationes, both as to his persone and estate, seemed to me so rationall and plausible, as I could not refuse at his desyr to signifie so much to yow. I shall not at this distance trouble yow with the particulares, which ar many, much les shall I presume to press your acceptance till better considered. I shall only humbly offer that if yow think fitt your self, and the lady, your daughter, may repair hither, and give a discreet proposition a fair hearing; for, in my oppinion, if all cane be made out as it is proposed, it may prove a very convenient occasione for that family, and alse suitable to the intentione of the defunct as any; but this with submission to yer own inclinatione. So craving pardon for this presumption and trouble, I hast to subscrybe my self, as trewly I am,

Sir, your humble servant,

THO. WALLACE.

For Sir Thomas Stewart of Garntilly.

148. Thomas Steuart, afterwards Lord Balcaskie, to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully. 14th May 1674.

Rycht Honourabill,—According to the promise of the postscripte of my last, I shall intreate for the freedome to repeate the tenor thereof as to the gold buttons, because, God willing, I intend to make stay here after I have had your answer thereunto, and for the preventing a disappointment, aither by miscarriage or retardment, and, Sir, after the beast inquiry I could make, I find that fourteen ounces of gold will serve to make fyve douzaine of bigger buttons then any in France weares, and withall abundantly massie. This, Sir, the goldsmith, who is called on of the best in Paris, sayes, and especially in work of that kind, and the lowest price of the ounce of the finest Spanish gold is fourtieth eight poundis, and the Frensh gold fourtieth six. But I suppose, Sir, if ye take any, ye'l incline to the finest tho' it be dearer, and those who pretend to skill in that mettall, thinkes the one better worthy of 48th then the other of 46, and the reasone that's obtruded for the dearth of both, is the great taxes imposed of late both on that and all other commoditie, and that there's litle or non of the Spanish imported during the warre. But whowever, Sir, ye are as free not to take them as if I had never spoake of them, and I am very sorry that I cannot have them at a more reasonable rate. And, Sir, as to the workamshipe, if ye would desyre them of plaine worke, they will be twentieth shillings Scots apiece, and if of a graved worke, half a crowne: the graved is more in fashione here at the time, and some pretends that the plaine looks too like fine brass, but the truth is, Sir, each followes his fancie in things of that kind, as to the matter of fashione, and this escaped me in my last to my regrate. There be some that offers the graved worke cheaper by foure souls apiece, but I dare nor will not trust naither to their skill nor honestie, for all the differ-

ence of the price, for I have seen of their worke, and are but young men not approven, and the man that's thought fittest for them is well knowen, both as to skill and honestie, and workes much of severall sorts of worke for the King; and if he can be tempted by the sight of money to be more reasonable in all respects, endeavours shall not be wanting, whereof I exceedingly doubt, and I verylie believe, Sir, ye shall rather chuse to quite as take them by reasone of their dearth, and I could wish that this came as soone to your hands as the other upon this consideratione; tho, as I am credibly informed, others payes no less, and particularly the Embassadour my Lord Lockhart; and I find by reasone of difficultie in working in gold, and the loss thereby, that it's more then six times dearer then the most curious working in silver to the proportion of the worke; and, Sir, whatever ye shall be pleased to advise me to doe herein, or in any thing els that may ly in my weake power, I shall doe it with all my hearte, gratitude obligeing me thereto, laying asyde all other tyes. Thus, with my best wishes and humblest respects being with you, and all that sincerely loves you, I faithfully subscribe myself,

Sir, your most obliged and humbly devoted servant,

T. STEUART.

Paris, 14th May 1674.

For the right honorabill Sir Thomas Steuart of Grantullie, to be sent from the post office at Edinburgh by the Perth poste, Scotland.

149. The SAME to the SAME.—25th July 1674.

RYCHT HONORABELL,—Ye are pleased, of meere gratuity and good will, to show me such kindness by word, write, and deeds, both while at home and abroad, that I cannot but blush and be ashamed at my own want of deserving,

and admire your honour's greate goodness. Yet, notwithstanding all this, I shall not presume to give you the trouble of any account of my thoughts and deep sense thereof, but prayes, Sir, with all the zele and earnestness my heart can be capable of, that I may sincerly acquit my selfe your faithfull and humble servant at all occasiones, while I breath, and from my heart thankes you, Sir, for all; alwayes affirming my inabilitie to make any suitable return to the meanest of them. I have receaved your bill of exchange of ane hundred pounds sterling, whereof ye are pleased, Sir, to allow four huudred pounds Scots thereof for my own use, which truly, Sir, with all your former marks of undeserved kindness, I am very much amazed, and must answer all with my hand on my mouth, and referre my heart to be read by your own unspeakable charity for me, as also the kindness of your writing, but passionatly begs to be so happy as to understand wherein I can be steadable to you, either here, Sir, or in any part of the world I am able to travell, or wrestle to. I hope my father has showen your honour the reasone why I returned not this answer when I wrot to him of my receipt of the bills, it being just when they came to my hands, according to his desyre. As to the buttons, I haue ordered the gold smith to add a full ounce of gold more then the fourteen he spoake of before my last writing, a purpose to make them the stronger and larger; they are now all forged, but not as yet all graved, and once the nixt week I thinke they will be all ready, or at farthest againest the middle of Agust, for he has promised faithfully to grave them all with his own hand, and he declares that after they are formed that he is not able to grave foure in a day. As for a bearer to send them home, I know non here that I will entrust withall that goes home this twelve moneth, except Balhousie, or Mr. James Duncane, who is come here latly to wait on him to assist his governour; and it's very uncertaine when any of them goes home, for Balhousie's foot (which he has been under now upwards of these six monethes bygone), heales

very slowly, notwithstanding that no meanes are wanting for his recoverie, and, Sir, I doubt not but ye 'l judge them as secure with them as they can be with any Scots men; and so soone as Balhousie is able to travell, I believe they 'l all make home, and, deare Sir, that ye should be pleased to writ of my unnecessary stay here it grieves much; for I assure you, with a good [heart], that I can as soone weary of my own happiness as to thinke my stay needless in any part where I can be in the [least] steadable to you. And, Sir, before I leaue Paris, I shall [send] you a more particular account of the buttons, and if these persones undertake the charge of them, I shall make no doubt of their security, but intends specially to recommend them to Mr. Duncane and to give them him. I have written some account to your sone, judgeing it more propre to trouble him with the reading thereof, of a murder that was committed here on Saturday last, on Lieutenant-Colonell Scot, a sone of Ardrosse's, who I remember, Sir, was with you at Murthlie when my Lord Chancellour was there. Thus my humblest respects and best wishes being with you and all your sincere well wishers, I conclude, as ever, Sir,

Your honor's most faithfull and most humbly devoted servant,

T. Steuart.

Paris, 25th July 1674.

For the rycht honourabill Sir Thomas Steuart of Grantullie.

150. The Same to his cousin, John Steuart, younger of Grandtully.
25th July 1674.

Ryght Honorabill,—I shall not dare to express the manifold and singular marks of the constant and undeserved kindness ye are pleased to favour me withall, both while at home and abroad, knowing such a long winded liste as

they would amount to might justly weary and abuse your patience to peruse, seing they flow solely from generosity and matchless bounty, and all who are ac[tua]ted by such noble and benevolent principles takes no pleasure in such sycophanting like addresses, only sincerely protests that I am deeply fraughted with the true sense thereof, and heartily thankes you, Sir, therefore. I have receaved the bill yours mentiones of ane hundred pounds sterling, and finds four hundred pounds Scots thereof to be for my own use, which, with former gratuities of all kinds from your fatther, and you, Sir, so amazes and puts me to the blush as that I am necessitate to answer all with profound and thankefull silence, and passionatly begs ye would be pleased to let me understand wherein I can be so steadable to you as to make some thing like ane acknowledgement, tho' no in order to the meanest requitall, it being simply beyond my small reach. I hope my father, Sir, has showen the reasone why I did not return you answer when I returned his, wherfore shall spare you the trouble of repetitiones. I am sorry, Sir, these papers that were amissing are not as yet founnd, but I assure you, with a good heart, that I have given you all the discoverie thereof that my memorie serves me to doe, and has written to Jhon Steuart if he knowes less or more of them, but am afraid it shall be to litle purpose. And, Sir, Pitkerly may assure himselfe that I hope he never had such harsh thoughts of me as to thinke I had them, or knew where they were, and, Sir, he may be as confident that I was never so vainly foolish as to pique at his desyreing to be informed, in soe farre as I knew, concerning them, but by the contrary, humbly thankes you, Sir, and him, both, for the favour. But to my best memorie, your name is filled up in the dispositione, be where they please, so that the loss shall be the less considerable if the misfortune be so greate as they cannot againe be recovered, as I wish from my hearte it may not. I have spoake concerning your ten pounds sterling, all that ye wrot to me, very sharply, as likewise I did at my

first comeing hither, whereof I gave account at that time, and am now hopefull Mr. Alexander will to you himselfe, and if my importunity can move him to his duty therein, it shall not be wanting; but I assure you, Sir, it is no small taske to draw money from their fingers, even these who are here present and has considerable money in their hands. Sir, there is a very tragicall accident happened here on Saturday last, being 21st instant, whereof I shall creave leave to give you some account, because I know it will make noise enough in Scotland, and be diversly reported. The which day my Lord Wintoun's governour, one Mr. Livingstoune, with a laquay of his, went to the horse mercat with some of my Lord's horses to sell, that he had made the campagne with, and there was in the place some Frensh men of the best qualitie, who advanced briskly to the laquay and challengs him as having ruinne away from some of them, the laquay also being a Frenshman, and were agoeing to take his Lord's livery coate off him, whereupon the governour intreats, finding a greate many of them somewhat in drink, that they would not make his master's honour suffer upon his account in such a public place, but desyred they would retire to some corner or change house, and they should haue all satisfactione on the laquay if he belonged to any of them, and meane while that they were thus calmly reasoning the matter, Lieutennant Colonell Scot, a sone of Ardrosse's, in Fyfe, being in the mercat looking for a sumpter horse in order to his equipage for the camp (for he intended thitherward on the Munday or Tuesday thereafter at farthest, having some feu dayes before arrived here from London), when he sees Wintoun's servants in such a crowd, makes to the governour and asketh what the matter might be, and the Frensh men heareing him, demands him what he was concerned. He answered civillie that he knew these persones belonged to a persone of honour of his acquaintance, and that willingly he would not see them wronged, and immediatly they drew most basely, mis-

calling him most absurdly in the time, and thrust him twice deadly in the right breast before he offered to touch his sword, after which he defended himselfe most incredibly a prety while. At length they thrust him thrice most desperatly in the back, they being seven in number, and other five commanding the governour, with drawen swords, being a douzaine in all, was not able to budge amongst them, and Mr. Scot, finding himselfe so desperatly murdered and wounded, labours to goe to his coach, and poore Hery Grhame, Morphe's brother, who is now governour to young Gossfoord, comeing occasionally by in the time, and seing the Lieutenant Colonell in that sad plight, takes his arme to assist him to his coach, whereupon they makes to him, and wounded him behind his back in the head and right shoulder with a cutting sword, and bad him take that for his paines, and so all fled, and Mr. Scot died immediatly. He was a most hopefull and prety gentleman, for whom the King of Brittaine and Lauderdaill had greate kindness, and had promised him good preferrment upon his return from the Frensh camp. The assassinatione was so black and abominable, that the Frenshes themselves are ashamed of it, and condemnes it extreamly, specially these who were acquainted with him, and the ladies spits and hisses at it. He was buried on Sabbath night, in the Protestants buriall place here. The criminall justiciers here, and the surgeons who are appointed to visit at such regratfull occasiones, had seen his body whou unspeakably basely he was butchered, and on Munday morning my Lord Wintoune, my Lord Yester, and his brother, and my Lord Ross, who is his neare cusin, with some others of your countrey, went to supplicat the King, at Versailles, for justice, who has promised it to the outmost, and is in a high rage at the crime, but there's non of them as yet apprehended. Mr. Grhame, I hope, is in the way of recoverie of his wounds, tho that in the head was dangerous enough. As to the suite I have to put to you, it is concerning my stay abroad, and, God willing, the nixt spring I shall presume to let you know it.

Thus my humblest respects and best wishes being with you, the ladies of Aldie, and all the childreu, I conclude as ever,

Sir, your most faithfull and humbly devoted servant,

T. STEUART.

Paris, 25th July 1674.

For the ryght honorabill the Laird of Grantullie, younger, Scotland.

151. [MICHAEL MALCOLM], younger of Balbedie, to JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

Balbedie, 19 of October 1674.

RIGHT HONORABELL,—The graitt experience I have haid of your love and kyndnes hitherto, obledges me to doe nothing without your speciall adwyce, and speciallie in things that most concernes me. I doe not doubt but Mr. Rymor gave yow ane acompt of my intenditt mariadge, and the termes thairof, but yitt I conceave itt a duetie wpon me to give you ane accompt of what is done myselff, and creaves your advyce therin. The termes and conditiones of the contract ar as followes: My father puts me in the fie of Balbedie, and gives in to Kilfaines att the perfyting of the mariadge 10,000 lib. Scots, for which Kinfanis maickis dispositione to his doughter and me of the lands of Muthill, and haill wther lands, acqueired by him from the Lord Stormonth, which will be 25 chalderis of wictuall, and presentlie is to enter ws to the lands of Kilgour and Cashmill, which will be 12 chalderis of wictuall yeirlie, during his lyfetyme, and the 10,000 lib. which my father payes in now to Kilfanis is to be refounded by me efter my father and mother's discease, to his airis or assignays. And wee ar to haue alliment in house with Kilfanis.

Thes ar the most speciall heads of the contract, and all that I haue to wreat to you att this tym, but that I am, and ever shall continue to be,

Right Honorabell,

Your most obledged servantt whill I breath.

. . . . . .

Sir, I will presume so farre with yow as to show the Laird of my extream satisfaction in hearing of his weelfair, and that I am his most humbell servantt.

For the right honorabell the Laird of Grandtullie, younger.

152. MICHAEL MALCOLM, younger of Balbedie, to JOHN STUART, younger of Grandtully. 6th November 1674.

RIGHT HONORABELL,—I haue ever bein so sensibell of your kyndnes, that I am persuaded that ther cane be no thing that cane contribut aither for my honour or creditt which ye will denay being requeyred; wherfor, dear sir, I earnestlie plead for the honour of your countenanceing my wedding wpon Tuisday nixt, and, in order theirto, ye would come to Balbedie wpon Munday nixt, and goe from that to Muthill the nixt day; which favour and honour, iff ye be pleased to conferre, I shall raitt my selff infinitlie happie, and which I hope ye will not denay, since ye haue often promised the same to me, and I persuad my selff ye will be loath to resill from your promeis, wtherwayes I shall esteem myselff mor then misfortunatt, and raitt all other companie noe companie, ye not being present. In hooping the best, I shall adde no further at present, but that I am,

Right honorabell, your ever obledged servant,

MICH. MALCOLM.

Balbedie, 6 November 1674.

For the right honorabill the Laird of Grandtullie, younger,—Thes.

153. AMELIE COUNTESS OF ATHOLL to SIR THOMAS STEWART of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 18 January 1675.

SIR,—My obligations to you are soe great for your extraordinarie kindness to my children, that I doe not know how to express my acknowledgments, butt I hope you will bileeue my Lord and I as sensible as wee ought to bee, and that wee shall be euer most readie to serve you or any of yours, as he entreates you will be assured off, so does, Sir,

Your very affectionate humble seruant,

AMELIE ATHOLL.

My Lord and I presents our faithfull seruice to your son.

For Sir Thommass Steward att Dunkeld.

154. SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully to his son, JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

Dunkeld, 6th February 1675.

LOWING SONE,—I receawed yours with the lemondes and oringeis, and seeing they are skerse and dear, I will hawe no more of them. As for the vine, I intend to send for it the nixt weik if the wather hold good. If yow can hawe occassione to see my Lord Chancelar when he is privat, yow may speak to him anent the mistris of Newwark her aditionall joynter, and give yow find him inclyne to doo nothing into it, yow sall bring ower the contract of mariage and chairtere that Pitcairley hes. Yow sall speak Sir William Purwes anent the tuo zeirs hous maill he is resting me, and show him give he will not pay it, I most seek it ane wther way, for I love not to be cheatted be no man. Lett me know give my Lord Sanctandrose be come home, and I sall send over the tack

teind dewtie to yow to give him. Yow sall pay for the vine, but I newer hard but aney vine that cam to a gentillman's wse was custome free. Sua haweing no more at present, I rest,

Your lowing father,

S. T. Steuart.

155. James Fourth Earl of Perth to Grizel Steuart, wife of Sir John Drummond of Logiealmond.

Stobhal, 14 July 1675.

Madam,—Yesterday morning it pleased God to give my wife a safe delivery of a litle girle, and now she intreats that your Ladyship uil belive that she has a very great sense of hir duty to you, and that makes hir hope this account from me uil be uelcome to you. She presents hir humble service to your Ladyship, and intreats that if your Ladyship's foulers can get any very fresh pouts against Satturday night, that your Ladyship uold command them to bring them hither to hir; for, God uilling, the 7 day after hir deliuery she uill venture to eat a bit of one. If it were not that she has a great sense of your Ladyship's kindness, and confidense that your goodnesse uill not take it ill, she uold not have been so rude; but I hope you uill both pardon hir, and,

Madam,

Your ladyship's most obedient nephew and most faithfull servant,

Perthe.

156. Sir George Kinnaird of Inchture, afterwards first Lord Kinnaird, to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully.

Drimmie, 15 September [16]75.

Sir,—Just now a letter from your friend tells that the Earle of Atholl and his Countes are to be here to morrowes night, and, if yee could help me to

some partridges, I should tak it as a singular favour that yee may provid me once to morrow, with anie sort of wild fowlle. I besech yow tak this freedome well, seing it cometh from,

Excellent Sir, your most faithful and humble servant,

S. G. KINNAIRD.

Let this present my humble service to your worthie father.

For the Laird of Gairntilly, younger, in haist,—These.

157. SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully to his son, JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

Dunkeld, 24th December 1675.

LOWING SONE,—I receaued yours from the clerk, showing me that Glenwrquhie told yow that he hade apprehended ane man of myn in Grantully for stealling of ane horse from on of his tennantis, and now seeing Ladeywall hes ane commission from Major Grant for securing of all such persouns, therfor I should desire that Glenwrquhie wold send my man to Laidywall, for he will secure him till ther be a persewar, wher he may expect to geatt justice. The clerk told me how my Lord Strathourd hes wsed yow. Alwayis yow may straive to mak your ovine freinds befor the Counsell, for I think it will not signefie much aney thing that he can say againest yow. As for that chairge of horning, I think Pitcairley will geatt it suspended to yow. I hawe not seen M'Keisek since he went ower the water to yow, and I know not what is become of him. Yow sall receaue from James Ratray, the Laidy Aldie's serwant, fyve hunder merk. So haweing no more for the present, I rest,

Your lowing father,

S. T. STEUART.

Yow may show Glenwrquhie that his men hes stolline tuentie horss from

my tennantis and my selff, and I will doe my best to see give I can geatt ane redress of his tennantis. I am informed, since the wreitting of this, that the fellow is ane cotter of Margaret Campbell's, who took that horss off the hill for his ovin horss, befor witness, and was not stollin, and that same man did delywer the horss to Glenwrquhie's men, who did receaue him, and hes him in ther ovine custodie.

For John Steuartt, fiar of Grantully,—Thes.

158. James Fourth Earl of Perth to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully.

Stobhal, 18th January (16)76.

Sir,—The occasion of Blaire's going to uait upon you makes me take the opportunity of presenting my service to you. Had you bein at Murtly, I had done it myself, but, being at Dunkell, I must uave it till summer. My promise uas to be at Murtly, so ther I will be, when I am nixt here. It is nether unkindnesse nor lasienesse hinders me, but your being from your oun house. I have desired Blaire to tell you I intend to provide your monye against Whitsonday. It is nether vanity, nor your being a rigid creditor, occasions it, but reasons of another nature. I shall be glad to hear you are uell, and that you still remember kindly,

Sir, your humble servant,

Perthe.

For Sir Thomas Steuart of Gairntully.

159. John Grahame of Claverhouse, afterwards Viscount Dundee, to Sir Thomas Steuart of Garntully.

Edinburgh, March the 7, 1676.

Sir,—I think no wonder that a poor lad lyk yow should prig thus for five pound with your good friend, who will may be never have the occasion to

ask another favour of yow. Send but your horse here, and if he be wholl and sound, it shall not be so litell a business shall keep us from a bargon. Give orders to Jhon Steuart, or Colin, to receive my obligation. If ther be any thing wher in I can serve you, ether here or els wher, you know hou friely you may comand me. I have always been, and shall still be, as much as I really am,

Dear sir, your most humble servant,

I have got four of the best grou hounds of Scotland now, and you be a good fellow you will send me a setting dogue, and then I would be a prince.

For the Laird of Garntully,—These.

160. The SAME to the SAME.—[March 1676.]

SIR,—I have been upon your horse to-day, and am extreamly pleased with him. I shall give the tiket to Coline for the mony, and orders to James Grahame to pay it as soon as he can. I have also received your setting bik, for which I give you many thanks, and doe, indeed, tak it for a great complement. I begin nou to think sheim, and think my self myghtily in your debt, and knous not hou to acquyt my self of the obligation I have to you. The only favour I can desyr of you nou is to give me the occasion to shoe that I deserve those I have alraidy received. Adieu, dear Sir. Continen your friendship for me, as I shall doe to be,

Sir, your most humble servant,

J. GRAHAME.

For the Laird of Gerntullie.

161. THOMAS STEUART, afterwards Lord Balcaskie, to his uncle, SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 29 Jully [16]76.

RIGHT HONORABLE,— . . . . And for news there are none, save that the Comittee of the Counsell ordained Argyle and his freinds, alse well as the McLeanes and there freinds, yesternight, to find sufficient cawtion for keeping the peace, this day before twelve accloack, or to enter their persones in the Castle of Edinburgh before sun sett this night. It is thought that some will enter, and others will step asyde. It is said that Argyle himself will enter this night, *pro more*, and McDonald will doe the like; but the one's cautioner is sooner found than the other's.

At the seidge of Mastreight, the Prince of Orange was shotte throw the arme by a muskett shotte, but the bone is safe, and he is in no hazard by it. Adieu!

Your Honour's humble servant,

T. S.

For the Laird of Gairntully,—These.

162. SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully to AMELIE MARCHIONESS OF ATHOLL. [*c.* 1676.]

MADAM,—Haweing experience oftin tymes of your Ladyship's wndeserved faworis, enboldines me to putt yow to this trubill to order on of your servantis to buy this furnitur for ane roume,—ane bed, to be of dameis, of aney cullor your Ladyship thinks most in faschione, or ells of cramasie velueit, with ane ritche silk frenzie, and ane foot of arrass hangings of the deipnes and lenth about, and severall peecis, conforme to the nott heirin inclosed, with cheirs,

tabell cloth, and timber bed steid, with aney wther furnitur belonging thereto, for I will goe the lenth of thrie hunder pound starling, give your Ladyship can have that bed of cramasie velvit at the reat forsaid, and give not, to be of dameis; and your Ladyship may send it doun as your ovin furnitur, and direct it to be delyvered to John Stewart, wreitar in Edinburgh, whome I beleive is my Lord's agent and myn also; and, as for the money, I sall send yow ane bill of excheing, or els sall delyver the money to aney persone at Edinburgh or aney wther place that your Ladyship will appoynt be your ordore, and for custome and careying of it be sea, I sall cause John Stewart pay it. And this fawore sall newer be forgote by him who is——[1]

163. David Kinloch of Balmyle, afterwards Sir David Kinloch of that Ilk, to [John Steuart, younger of Grandtully].

Balmyle, 23 March [16]77.

Rycht Honorabill,—It seems strange to one quherfor the Laird your father refuses to giue the Laird of Pitcurre mony in borrowing, upon his bond bearing infeftment, with consent of his curators, and yet wold let him have it, if he war major, since his surety the one way is as good as the other. For in the surety the onerous cause is mentioned, and the curators obliged he shal ratified when he is major. I fear Pitcurre and his freinds will not inclyne to giue cationers. In this particulare, as it was my inclination to doe Pitcurre seruise, soe (beleue) it was my curiositie to haue some ground to houp for a good nighbour, nether will as yet giue over my houps, if I be eabl by my utmost endeuours to effectuat any thing.

Sir, I am very sensibl of your fauors, but extreamly resents thes slanders yee and your cousin put upon me at our last pairting, and be assurd I long

[1] From a contemporary Copy at Murthly.

Sr

Ballock June
19th /77

I hab sent the bearer to yd Father to let
me hab the use of ten thousand pounds scots
upon ane extraordinary occasion I hab for it
I shall get him besids myself satisfactory
securitie for it & if he so desyrs it may
be I shall not long mist ye continuance
of it in my hands, I am to intreat yor
seconding the address by yd influence
which questionless will prevail much
wt yor Father and I dreasur you
that besids the wise saying of the
borowers being a servant to the lainer
you will find me tak it & especially
upon this occasion as a speciall demonstra
tion of yd good inclinations for me & my
familie & as a very singular fabor
which shall not be forgotten but will
upon any advertisment be rendre to compensate
it & expect yor good success I am yor most humble
servt Cunningham

for the opportunitie not only to make ane humbl acknowledgment of your civilities, but ane just resentment of both your calumnies; and a Christmas Feast may be acquyt at Pasche, albeit it war at Angiers or Geneua, let alone at Murthly. I humbly kisse your hands, and craus leaue to continuo,

Sir,

Your most humble and obliged servant,

D. KINLOCH.

I beg yee may allow thes to present my humbl seruise to the Laird your father, not forgetting Geneua Italianized.

164. SIR JOHN CAMPBELL of Glenurchye, afterwards successively Earl of Caithness and Earl of Breadalbane, to JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

Balloch, June 14th, [16]77.

SIR,—I hav sent the bearer to your father to let me hav the vse of ten thousand pounds Scots, vpon ane extraordinary occasion I hav for it. I shall giv him, besids myself, satisfactory securitie for it, and if he so desyrs, it may be, I shall not long uish the continouance of it in my hands. I am to intreat your seconding the address by your influence, which, questionless, will prevail much uith your father, and I doe assur yow that, besids the wise saying of the borowers being a servant to the lainer, yow will find me taik it, and especially vpon this occasion, as a speciall demonstration of your good inclinations for me and my familie, and as a very singular favor which shall not be forgotten, but uill vpon any advertisment be readie to compenseite it, and expects your good success.

I am, your most humble servant,

J. C. GLENURCHYE.

For the Laird of Garntullie, younger.

165. Thomas Steuart, afterwards Lord Balcaskie, to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 11 January 1678.

. . . . The greate and common newes here are of the forces and highlanders' march to the west; that the General Major, the Lord Linlithgow, [is] to goe first with the King's guard of horse, and his own regiment, [and] that he has got 1500 libs. sterling to provyd himselfe in good equipage, and after their march from this, three hundred of the militia are come by turns out off the Lothians to guard the Abbey and suburbs of this place; for which end there is already a fourthnight's pay for them exacted off the heretours by advance. There's a great many gentlemen come from the west to use all possible endeavours for preventing their march: what may be the effect thereof, God knows. My Lord Perth was receaved a privy counsellour yesterday. Blaire, his chamberlaine, tells his Lordship sent you a letter of thankes for condesending to take your money. One Mr. James Mitchell, that shote the bishope 7 or 8 yeares agoe, is condemned to be hanged on Friday nixt in the Grass Mercate, after a most solemne and famous triall of four dayes continuance before the justice courte, whereunto my lord Chancellour, Duke of Lauderdaill, a world of other noblemen, bishops, and gentlemen were witness.

For the rycht honorabill Sir Thomas Stewart of Grantully.

166. The Same to the Same.

Edinburgh, 28th February [16]78.

Sir,— . . . Within these four dayes I have account from the hoste that your sone is in good health, and that he is to be shortly home with the rest of the

gentlemen. Only are to leave six hundred of the highland men, whereof 200, my Lord Athol's, a 100 of Marr's, a 100 of Caithness men, and 50 of Perth's, with as many of the Earle of Murry's. My Lord Montrose is expected here to-morrow, and it's said he has a commissione to levy a troupe of horse here for the Inglish service. My Lord Lorne came here on Saturday last. Warre is not yet declared, naither has the parliament as yet determined what the supply should be, or whow it should be raised; only has ordered a million Inglish for the actuall entering into the warre, and are considering what more is requisite for the yearly maintenance thereof. . . .

For the rycht honorabill Sir Thomas Stewart of Grantully.

167. The SAME to the SAME.—25th March 1678.

RYCHT HONORABILL,— . . . The Frensh has left 12,000 men in garrisone in the towne and cittadale of Ghent, and are now gone towards Ipers to besiedge it. The Duke of Monmunth, upon his return with the voluntiers that went over with him to Ostend, left the men there he tooke over with him, but found the place very unprovyded both of men, cannon, ammunitione, and victualls. Before his return, he visited Newport and Bruges, and Montrose is returned with him, who is expected to be at Edinburgh againe this time. It's said the bill concerning the poll money is now fully concluded by the parliament of Ingland, and the termes of payment agreed on, and the last of them to be no longer then till Agust nixt, which will amount to a very vast summe, for there are non exempted, and they are also busy about the proportioning the bill for levy money to be layed on the new buildings abont London; and there are thretteen commissiones given out already for raiseing 13 regiments of foote, and nine commissions for raiseing 9 regiments of horse. It's said the

Duke of Lorraine is by this time on the lead of his army on the Rhyne, with an absolute commissione for this ensueing campagne. My Lord Lorne's mariage was done with a greate dale of solemnity, and continued whole eight dayes togather, with open doores, table and every thing els (tailes excepted). His grandmother, the old lady Marquise, is dead. Sir, your creature Coline Mackenzie's wife is brought to bed of a young Sir George. I shall minde your letter for Jhon Steuart with the garters when [occasion] serves.

Mon Seigneur, adieu, tres humblement,

T. Steuart.

Perth, 25th March [16]78.

For the rycht honorabill the Laird of Grandtully, younger.

168. Henry Murray in Tillibarden, to Sir Thomas Steuart of Gairntillie.

Tillibarden, 21st May 1678.

Sir,—The bearer is come from my Lady Marquess, with a letter to yow. I know it is for the lonn of money upon such of my Lordis freindis security as shoe names. The shortnes of my Lordis advertisment, and hir Ladyshipis impatience to bee gone, hath not given them leasure to think upon any other nay bott borrouing, which hath occasioned my Lady to use the freedome with yow. My Lady intendis to tak journey from this upon Teusday nixt weeck, and iff you could afford hir the sowme in Inglish money, it uold bee a great kyndnes, for their is none to be had att Edinbroughe, and it uold save the exchange, which is now six per cent. All the persones named bee my Lady Marquess (as debtores) ar to bee all principallis in the band, and a clause

to releive each other of their proportionall pairts. Bott you may order the band to be drauen conforme to your auen method.

I ame, Sir,

Your very reall and hnmble servitor,

HEN. MURRAY.

Sir, lett mee entreat you may send the enclosed to Robert Robertsone att Dunkell, for it is in haist. I begg pardone for the trouble.

For the right honorable Sir Thomas Steuart of Gairntillje att Morphley,—These.

169. JOHN EARL OF CAITHNESS, afterwards first Earl of Breadalbane, to JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

Murthlie, 21th May [16]78.

HONORED SIR,—I came here to wait on your father, and in hops to have seen yow to have been my solicitour uith him for the vse of tuentie thousand marks, which I shall hav occasion for at this present tearme. Your former appearance for me gives me confidence of new to intreat yow to mak vse of your interest uith him to grant it. He does not seem averse, but sayes he hes it not, and in your absence I uas wnwilling to be too vrgent, but that part I most leav to yow, and I will vse the freedom uith yow as to tell yow my occasions for it are very pressing vpon me, wherfor I expect yow uill vse all your rhetorick. He shall be so sufficiently secnir'd that whensoever he imployes his money it shall be readie for him, and such as ar to ingadge for me to him ar as freendly to yowr familie as to me, which maiks your father's kyndnes in this so secuir that therby he can sustaine noe prejudice, and if yow think I can be any nay sensible of a favor, yow may beleev I shall be of this, which coms so seasonably to me : quherfor I uill stay at Balloch to know from yowrself the event of yowr

negotiation in it, uhich, befor Sundays night, I am hopfull yow may determine, which I doe uith all earnestnes recomend to yow, it being of great importance to me and my familie, which I know is not indifferent to yow. I am,

Your assured freind and humble servant,

CAITHNES.

170. JOHN EARL OF CAITHNESS, afterwards first Earl of Breadalbane, to [JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.]

Balloch, May 23, [16]78.

HONORED SIR,—I cannot be mor earnest in any thing than I uas in my last left for yow, but this is to intreat the favore of yow, that if ther be any possibilitie to procure my requeast, it may be so order'd as I may be ascertained of it again Monday at 4 a'clock in the morning, at uhich time I am to goe to attend the Councell, but shall not stay above on day ther, if you may obtaine from your favor the greatest obligation can be put on me, and in the mean time Laurs uill uait on yow for preparing it untill my returne. So uaiting for your answer. I am,

Sir, your very assured freind and humble servant,

CAITHNES.

171. SIR JAMES CAMPBELL of Lawers to JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

Lawers, June 3, 1678.

SIR,—Att the earnest entreatie of the Earl of Caithnes, I have taken the freedome to renew his desyre for the use of that money from your father

wherin his Lordship exspects your fauor and mediation att your father's hands, and hope that you will prevaile; the rather seing my Lady Marques of Atholl's jurney is stoped, which maks it probabile that hir Ladyship will dispence with the money. However, I beg, if it be possible, that you may be pleased to express your kyndnes to the Earl of Caithnes by obtaining this money to him, which will engage him to serve you to his utmost power. I longe to kiss your hands, and

I am, your truelie afectionat coosine and humble servant,

J. CAMPBELL.

For the Laird of Grantullie, younger.

172. THOMAS STEUART, afterwards Lord Balcaskie, to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 29 June 1678.

RYCHT HONORABILL,—I have herewith sent you the King's last speech to the Parliament. At the first meeting of the Conventione, after some debate, the nominatione of the Committee was referred to the Commissioner, and accordingly he did it. To the which Committee the controverted commissions from the respective shires were also referred,—but after some dispute likewise,—who are to make their report by my Lord Chancellour this afternoone at four a clocke. The Conventione mett yesterday at the houre forsaid, but the Commissioner adjourned them, as said is, because matters were not then ripe enough to be reported. Fentrie's commissione is sustained by the Committee, but many others casten. If all be approven by the Conventione, it's expected to be known this night. Generall Lieutenant Drummond came hither post on Thrusday last, and all the rest, except Athole, Cassills, and Kincairden, who are still at London, and Duke Hamiltoune came hither on

Monday, with about four hundred horse that mett him. The towne is very throng, and all the strangers' names are ordained to be taken up by the respective constables of every quarter, and five companies on guard every foure and twentie houres.

For the rycht honorabill Sir Thomas Steuart of Grantully.

173. JOHN EARL OF CAITHNESS, afterwards first Earl of Breadalbane, to JOHN STEWART, younger of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, June 29th, [16]78.

HONORED SIR,—If your father uill grant the requeast of my letter sent heruith for the vse of 8 thousand marks, I will taik it as a very speciall act of kyndnes at this time; and as I know yow hav been my solicitour to that effect, I expect ye uill continow, as I shall always doe to be,

Your assured freind and humble servant,

CAITHNES.

For the Laird of Garntullie, younger.

174. JAMES FOURTH EARL OF PERTH to his aunt GRIZEL STEUART, LADY LOGIEALMOND.

Drummond, 15 July [16]78.

MADAM,—I returned hither on Satturday, and if it had bein possible to have left some necissaire affaires I have upon me, I had sein your Ladyship this day. But so soon as ever I can, I uil uait upon you. It uas a great surpryse, and greater greif, to me, to hear of my wnkle's death, for I had never heard of his sickness, and really it uas a sensible affliction to me to find my self in no possibilitie of uaiting on his funeralls. But as God can dispose only of our

concerns, and his uisdome is infinite, uee should uait, and submitt. All I can say to your Ladyship, in your disconsolate condition, is of no value. One calm serene whisper of the spirite of God to your soul, uil say more in an instant then all that reason or humain help can bring of comfort can be. My duty and inclination both lead me to serve you and your sueet children, and my endeavors that uay shal never fail you. So, madam, I hope you uill rest confident of me, and you shal find, in all that lyes in my pouer, I shal ever approve my self,

Madam, your Ladyship's most affectionate nepheu
and humble faithfull servant,

PERTH.

Madam,—My uife presents hir humble service to your Ladyship, and both of us, our blessing to the children.

For my Lady Logie-amond.

175. ANNA STEUART to her uncle, SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 23th July [16]78.

SIR,—I thought it my dutie to aquant you that the Laird of Sornbeg hath pretended an respect to me, and I desired Mr. Thomas Steuart to writ to your honor of it first when it was spoken. So I ernstly desir that ye wold giue me your aduice in it, which I will prefer befor any other. Expecting your ansuer,

I rest, Sir, your afectionat nice and humble seruant,

ANNA STEUART.

For the Laird of Garntlie, elder.

176. THOMAS STEUART, afterwards Lord Balcaskie, to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully. 26th July 1678.

RYCHT HONORABILL . . . SIR, The Lady Aldie desyres to know, as I am informed, when the Commissioner and Dutchess are to part for Court, and I wrote to her Ladyship on Wednesday last, showing that the best and surest account I could have is that they were to goe within 10 or 12 dayes from that, and the surest informatione I can have now is that their graces will goe once the nixt week, at furthest, and it's generally said, on Tuesday nixt, but it's thought the intended mariage betwixt my Lord Hatton's sone and my Lord Argyle's eldest daughter, may detain them till about the end of the week, tho' some sayes they are to be maried on Sunday or Munday's night nixt to come, and my Lady Argyll and the young lady were sent for express to Innerrary in the beginning of the week, and I leave it to your selfe, Sir, if you thinke fitt to cause acquaint the lady what I have said farther concerning their goeing: and if I dare to name such a meane thing as my brother's mariage after such a greate and eminent a one as I have been speakeing of before, I would presume to tell you, Sir, that my brother is to be maried this night, and the bride and he both has their most humble service to you.

Sir, your most obliged and most obedient servant,

T. STEUART.

Edinburgh, 26th July [16]78.

For the rycht honorabill Sir Thomas Steuart of Grantully.

177. The SAME to the SAME.—29th July 1678.

RYCHT HONOURABILL,—I receaved from the bearer two of yours, one of the 25,

and the other of the 26, instant, on Sunday morning, which are most heartily welcome to me, for the truth is, Sir, I longed very much to heare from you; for being you are not to come your selfe this sessione, that was the nixt best honour and favour you could putt on me. . . . I told Mistris Ann Steuart what you was pleased to write concerning her west country Laird, and whow kindly you write in her own behalfe, and really, Sir, she is very sensible of that, and of all former kindnesses. She is a very good lass, even tho' she were not your cusine, and it were a thousand pitties she were cast away on that west countrey (statesman), for he has no bodie's good word, save some of his immediate relationes, few as they are, whose testimonies should ever be suspect in these matters, and she has declared over and over againe that, if you be against it, she will never goe that way, notwithstanding her brother Innernytie seems to be but too forward in the pursuite, and I make no doubt but she may doe much better if she stay here sometime, that she may be known. Dearest Sir, I must creave leave to expostulate with you, for your complementall apologies, when you are pleased to command me with any thing, for I assure you, most kind and worthy chiefe, I looke on all your commands that I am able to obey, as so many acts of greate kindness and singular obligationes. I have sent herewith two pounds of tobacco for yourselfe, whereof I hope to blow a good part, tho' not so soone as I intended, by reason that, on Saturday last, I strained my foote, with pardon, so very ill that I am not able since to doe so much as marke the ground with it, and God knows when it can serve me even to walke thorw the roume: there be severall considerationes that greattens the trouble thereof now when I have so many urgent occasions to goe abroad. But, Sir, it's my duty, I confess, to submite to, and reverence Providence, and to thanke God that worse did not happen me. Sir, it was in the forenoone I gotte it, not that I thinke you would misconstructe the occasion, which, the truth is, was while I was makeing a foole of my feet. My brother was maried on

Friday's night, as I told in my last, and his wife and he has their humble service to you.

Sir, your most humble and most obedient servant,

T. STEUART.

Edinburgh, 29th July, [16]78.

Sir, please cause receave two cravats and two paire ruffles of the best lane that could be had, which is finer and more fashionable then musheline, with a paire of boote hose, and if the boote hose doe [not] please you, send them backe securely by the first, and I shall change them, but they are called very fashionable. It's said by good hands your friend Stevenss has gott a commissione from the King to be a captaine of horse in the troups that are to be raised in Scotland. I have sent your father the yesterday's Newes Letter and Gazette.

178. The SAME to the SAME.—13th August 1678.

RYCHT HONORABILL,—Seing that I am not as yet able to goe out of doores, and much less to doe my selfe the honour as to waite on you where you are, I must creave leave thus to trouble you as occasion offers. Innernytie's sister, Mistris Anna Steuart, was maried on Thursday's night last to the Laird of Lawers, which was so privately managed and ended that few or non knew thereof till after it was done and maried; and the reason why they did so was because both of them had been much talked of with others, and in every bodie's mouth; wherfore they resolved there should be no noise of that, and she was the easier perswaded thereto, in respect she assured herselfe you would allow of the match very readely, otherwise she was firmly resolved never to mary without acquainting you before she engaged her selfe in the least; and, as it is, before her mariage, Lawers obliged himselfe frankly and

strictly to secure her in a joynture at your sight and determinatione, and your sone's, with some other friends'; but especially she would needs have the reference made to you and your sone. Both of them intends to waite on you nixt week at Murthly, about the middle or close thereof at farthest, at which time you will heare the particulars, whereunto I shall referre the same, and to his own letters for you and your sone by the bearer, his own footeman, whom he has sent express therewith, and intended to have done it nixt day, but was hindered; and if it be possible for me to walke on the street againe that time, I shall, God willing, goe alongs with them, for they are very earnest with me to come with them, and I have the more hopes of being able to goe alongs, because they are to travell in coach; and remitts what farther I have to say in your concerns till meeting, or at least till another occasion. I have written to you, Sir, very often of late, if they came to your hands I know not, whereby you had such newes as I could learne of.—Sir, your honor's most obliged and most humble servant,

T. Steuart.

Edinburgh, 13th Agust [16]78.

Sir,— There is a Counsell to be the morrow, if a quorum return in time from convoying of the Commissioner. It's said that on Twedmouth moore, beyond Berwicke, he had two thousand horse and seventeen coaches with six horses a piece. The King has emitted his royall proclamatione, whereby he desyres both Houses of Parliament to meet 29th instant, fully and frequently, in reguard his Majestie has affaires of importance to impart to and consult them about. The Frensh are now very pressing for peace, in order to which they have offered to restore all the townes taken by them since the warre, except Charleroy and Mastricke, and desyres only to keep these two till matters be somewhat adjusted betwixt Sweden and Denmarke and the Duke of

Brandebourge, who refuses simply to restore any thinge they have taken from the Swedes, and they are daylie more and more prevaileing upon them. The Duke of Monmunth is arrived at Flanders, and since has visited Ostend, Newport, and Bruges, where he was very solemnly receaved, and has gone with about ten thousand of the Inglish that are there, to joyn the Prince of Orange his army, to assist him to relieve Mons ; and upon their approach, the Frensh putt them selves in battle array, but if they have, or will engage, it's not said.

For the rycht honorabill Sir Thomas Steuart of Grantully.

179. H. PHILIP, Amrecloss, to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully.

Amrecloss, 15th February [16]79.

RIGHT HONORABELL,—The last treist of mariadge to which ye and I was witnes at Forfar, betuixt Boyseck and his Lady, with the fame and good report that her verteous cariadge deserves from all persons in this cuntrie, together with a short glance (bot incognito) which the young Laird of Bonnetoune had of their nice, the Lady and heretrix of Ade, haith procured me the imployment, and perchance, you the good fortoune, (with the help of soome nobell frinds), to accomplish a mariadge betuixt the two nobell persons aboue written. Ther esteats and qualeties on both syds being grait, giues me probabiletie, and hops of a good success. Bot if the chang of the neame (if I be not misinformed) may be any hinderance, I shall, at any place ye will appoynt me, giue you and hir other frinds such satisfaction and content, both in that as also concerning his esteat, frinds, and pairts, that I hoop ye and th[e]y shall rest satisfied, since therfoer I know non moer fitting and eabell, so Bonnetoun beliues ther will be non moer reddie and willing then your honour effectuallie

to concern yourself in this grand affair, which will alwayes ing[a]dge hime to acknowledg you the father hierof, and me ever to witness your cair of, and respects to, both famelies, whoes hailth, wealth, peace, and prosperetie, shall ever be wished by,

Right Honorabell,

Your vere much oblidged humbell servant,

H. PHILIP.

Sir, your ansuer with the bearer is expected.

To the right honorabell the Laird of Gairntullie,—These humbly present.

180. LADY MARY CAMPBELL, COUNTESS OF CAITHNESS, to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully.

August 20, [16]79.

HONORED SIR,—I hav sent you a few apricots. Our trees this year hath not bein so frutful as they used to be, and besids, I had the ill luck within thes tvo ore three days to hav som of the best and bigest pluckt of without alowance, which maks them so few which I hav sent. I wold hav bein better pleased if I had had the good fortune to hav given them to you at this place, wher you wold hav been verie welcom. I hav sent you a littill wax candell, which was made at Baloch: if you lik it, I shall provid you with mor of that kind when the bees are drouned. I shal be glad to hear by the bearer of your good health, which I wish well with all my heart.

I am, Sir,

Your afectionat freind to serv you,

M. CAITHNES.

My service to your son.

For Sir Thomas Stewart of Garntilie.

181. The SAME to the SAME.

Baloch, January 23d, [16]80.

HONORED SIR,—This morning I hav receaved your present of oisters, which are verie fresh and good, and I returne you my heartie thanks for them. I am a great lover of oisters, but I dispared ever to hav seen any in this place. I am verie glad to hear of the good health yow hav this winter. I pray God itt may long continue, and if I wer a good horswoman, I wold goe to Dunkell to see you. I hop next sumer you will be att Gerntily, and then will doe me the favour to com to Baloch, wher now I hav a lodgen room to giv yow, which I had hardlie when you favored me with a viset last. I am quit out of countinance if you took my jeast in ernest, when I told of your mistake of my letter, which I wold hav been loth to hav don, if I had thought you wold hav taken any ofence att it, for I am very diserous to liv in your favour, and shall never doo any thing to displeas yow to my knowledg.

I am, honored Sir, your afectionat freind and servant,

M. CAITHNES.

For Sir Thomas Stewart of Garntillie.

182. GEORGE HALIBURTON, Bishop of Brechin, to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully.

Pitteur, February 13, 1680.

RIGHT HONOURABILL,—If I had not been ashamed either to wreit or speak to you, I would have payed my duty to you befor this tyme. For your carriage towards Pitteur it hath been such, that I am confident all his reall and true friends are sensible of it. For his escapes to you, I cannot, nor will not, justifie them. The Advocat, your son, Bandoch and I, spoke of that affair att Edinburgh, and

resolved to wreit to Pittcur, first to send a rentall into you, and a full ansuer to all the desires of your first letter, and then to have gone to Edinburgh, that the businesse might be so resolved as you might be fully informed and att a point in the affair. Since I came home, he told me he was unable to travell, but was fully resolved in the businesse; and this day he positivly told me he should either see you on Munday, or send the expected ansuer. Sir, I assure you, his true and best friends look upon it as his happynes that he has the occasion of so good a merchant, by whom he may be extricat of so many difficulties, and will not under hand truck with no person alive. If ther be any that deall so, I know them not, nor know any thing of it. For my self it uas my opinion, ere ever he married, to have sold these lands, quhich if he hade done, he might have been in capacity to have bought this day: I am still of this same opinion, that its better turne mid watter nor drown. I am confident he will give just returns for your kindnesse, and will keep at quhat was first proposed, quhich all of us his friends doe desire, and that it may be for his good and your advantage and content shall be the sincere desire of,

Sir,

Your most humble servant,

GEO: BRECHINEN.

Sir,—The Lady and I present our humble service to you.

For the Laird of Gairntillie—These.

183. SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully to his son JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

Dunkeld, 29 February 1680.

LOWING SONE,—I receaved yours deated the elevinth of February, shewing me that you hawe spokin to my Lord Advocat anent that intendit bargane

betuixt Pitcurr and me (quhilk I maye call pretendit), for I was newer abused be aney persone as I hawe bene by him, for I wreitt to him the second tyme, the Friday befor William Ross went to Edinburgh, and I hawe not as yet receaved ane returne of aney of the two, and on Friday last I did wreitt to my Lord Breichane shewing how Pitcurr hade wsed me, that no nobleman nor gentleman that ewer I wreitt to but geave me ane returne, and withall of his wnderhand dealling with other persones, quhilk I thought should hawe bein below aney persone of his qnallatie, quherof I sall shew you more at meiting. And I receaved ane wery sivell returne from my Lorde Breichane regreating Pitcurr's cariage to me, wherin he did promeiss to send me all the instructiones that I wreitt for, but I receaved none of them as yett. He wreitt he wold send on Munday last, and that Pitcurr was wery possative in ending the bargane, and now it sheimes he hes ane mynd to follow his exemple. As for my Lord Northask, seing he has wsed me so in denying me the wse of the graas in Brydestoune, it may be befor . . . . I be also much out of his way, for I wold hawe given [alse much] for it as James Brydie payed the last zeir, and . . . . bygone annualrent, that is resting me I intend to . . . . both principal and anulrent at Witsunday, but this you sall keep to yourself; and as for that business of Clug . . . and Moness, give it be not put to ane close in this Session, I hawe wreitten to Mr. Thomas to tak wpe the process, seeing I intend to aggree with lawers, for I find aney bussiness I hawe befor the Lords is contemptable to them. Shew my Lord Advocat that I hawe not receaved ane returne as yett, quhilk, give I hade, I should aquainted him with itt or now; so,

I rest, your loving father,

S. T. Steuart.

184. Thomas Steuart, afterwards Lord Balcaskie, to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 24 February 1680.

Ryght Honorabill,— . . . . Innernyte is to be buried on Thrusday nixt, at the Abbey Kirk. His Lady came here yesterday, but he died the day before, in the morning, being Sunday, of a high malignant feaver. His body is imboweled and imbalmed, and was transported yesternight to the Troane Kirk with toarches and linkes. Pitcurre came here yesterday, and what is done as to that bargaine of Newtyle, I leave it to the Advocat's and your sone's letters, with which the bearer is sent express. As to that Summonds of Reductione and Improbatione at Mr. Henderson's instance against you, there can be nothing done therein this session. The day's Newes Letter is herein, as it is, which is all the other newes I can give you, Sir, but that we have no account of the Duke and Dutchesse' arrival at London as yet, but it's expected in a few dayes.

I am, till death, Sir,

Your honor's most obliged and faithfull humble servant,

T. Steuart.

For the rycht honorabill Sir Thomas Steuart of Grantully.

185. The Same to the Same.—5th March 1680.

Rycht Honorabill, ... As for domesticke newes here, there be few worth your reading, but that my Lord Chancellour is to goe for London nixt week upon a call from above. There were three proclamationes published at the Cross here this day by the Privy Councill's order, one in favours of the late Gleannurquhie, now Earl of Caithness, altogether to the other pretended Earle's prejudice (or Earle George as they call him); and it is most certaine that my

Lord Caithness' dwelling houses in that country are demolished, in so farre as the roofs are quite destroyed and taken off; and windows and roumes extremely damnified, as your sone, Sir, doubtless has told you, but the pretended Earle denys any accession thereto. The 2nd proclamation concerns uild foul, deer, roes, fishes, and forests, regulateing the games these creatures affoords, and for preserving and propagateing them the better in tyme comeing. The 3d concerns the brewers and prices of the victuall. All three, as is said, are to be printed, and if so be, you may have copies thereof, when they come from the press, and if I leave this before they come, they shall be sent you from other hands. As for the absents from the hoaste, your sone, Sir, has given you a better account than I can as to the Fyffe gentlemen, on whose assize he was (as also on Ballhoussie's), and the Justices are now crowded with the South country and Lothian gentlemen, fineing some, and absolving others who has defences sufficient enough, and the guilty who has best moyen, speeds beast, following that same method with them they did with the Fyffe gentlemen. Thus, craving pardon for this tedious lybell, and my beast uishes to you, Sir,

I am, till death, Sir,

Your honour's most obliged and faithful humble servant,

T. Steuart.

Edinburgh, 5th March 1680.

For the rycht honourabill Sir Thomas Steuart of Grantully.

186. Lady Mary Campbell, Countess of Caithness, to Sir Thomas Stewart of Grandtully.

Baloch, March 16th, [16]80.

Honered Sir,—The other day Glenlion told me that he had recomened to you an ointment which I make, which is the ocation of my sending a littill

pottefull of itt to you. I can asure you that itt is a soverain cure for all stiches and pains in any part of the body. My mother, who had just such a dislocation as you hav, found nothing eas the pain therof so much as this ointment did. The way of using it, is to warme a littill of itt in a saser, and, before a fire at night, rub it upon the pained place with on's hand, and rub itt so long untill it sink unto the skine, so that the flesh vill grow almost dry againe, and when it is well rubed, then lay on a piece of flanell, or plaiden, or any wolen thing, next to the skine, and keep the pained place warme. If it be a cold humer that doth ocation the pain, I am confident it will cure it. I am troubled I had no mor of the ointment at present besid me, but if you lik itt, in the begining of sumer, when the herbs coms up I make it with, I shall provid more for you. I hav also sent you a pott of oranges, and a few orange and lemon caks, which are much comended for the scurvie, to be eat now in the spring. I made them last week a porpos for you. If you lik the oranges, ore caks, I can at any time make mor of them, and I will tak it very kindly to be imployed by you in your service, for I am,

Your honer's afectionat freind to serv you,

M. CAITHNES.

My service to your son, pray.

For Sir Thomas Stewartt, Laird of Garntilly, at Dunkell.

187. JOHN CAMPBELL, EARL OF CAITHNESS, afterwards first Earl of Breadalbane, to JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, March 24th, [16]80.

SIR,—I receaved a lettre from your father for providing him his money again nixt tearme, but yow hav been uitnes to so much of my present diversion, and

now that I most goe to London, that I know it's easie to convince yow of the inconveniences so suddain a redelyverie uill bee. I hav ureat of this to your father, and I expect ye uill doe me the favor to second it. I hop at meeting to giv yow full satisfaction that ther shall be no loss nor disapoyntment to your father by this forbearance, besids the singular obligatioun yow uill thereby conferr vpon,

Your very humbl servant,

CAITHNES.

For the Laird of Garntullie, younger.

188. PATRICK EARL OF STRATHMORE to JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

Balgrugo, the 14th Apryle 1681.

MUCH HONORED,—I am just now with a good many frends of yours and myne. I hear you have letters for the Laird of Boysack's buriall, and they doe threat'ne me to be att Glammiss Sundaye's night. If you would be pleased to add to us all the favour of your company, for the Laird of Ruthven has resigned you to me, and says he'le be at Glammiss, I doe assure you wee will all be well satisfyed. I have writ'ne to Gourdie to waite upon you. My humble service to your worthy father, and beleeve me, I am,

Your assured frend and humble servant,

STRATHMORE.

Let this present my humbill respect to Mistris Lain. Dvibly I am your humbll servant. Colonel Gourdie is in his ordinarie hailth, tho' nott att my disposall. By all that's good, I'll be marryed befor you.

For the Laird of Gairntullie, younger.

189. David Haliburton of Pitcur to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully.

Pitcwr, May 13, 1681.

Sir,—I hav sent this bearer to know how your father is in his hailth, since the trimbling laift him, as also intreat the favor of you as to speak to him, and se if he will let me hav sixteen hundredth pounds Scots for to pay an creditor of mein who is prassing for the mony at the term, and it will be all that I will stand in need of at this inshowing teerm. So, not trwbling yow farther, and exspaicting your answer with this bearer, I shall continow,

Sir,

Your most hwmbell servant,

D. Haliburton.

I wowld haue wreaten to Sir Thomas myself, if that I had not been loath to hav trwbled him with geving me an answer, and that I am resolved to com the middill of the nixt week myself and wait wpon him.

For the Laird of Gairntwlie, yownger,—Thes.

190. The Same to the Same.

Pitcwr, May 25th, 1681.

Sir,—I can not exsprais the obligation which I ow to yow for this favor of yowr kyndnes that is jwst now put wpon me in sending on exsprais to know how I am of my siknes I did lay wnder at yowr howse, which, blised be God, has alltogether laift me ; nather did it continow any longer nor that saim night. Sir, there is on David Crichton of Edemstoun that I am raisting fiv or six thowsand marks to, that cam yeasternight to me desiring a thowsand of it at this teerm ; so wnlais that I desir the favor of your father as to let me

hav it this day, I know no way that I can serv him so shown with it; wherfor I intreat yow to spack to Sir Thomas abowt it, and I shall send up the bond this day for it. So not trowbling yow farther, I continow, as in reson I ought,

Sir, your most humbell servant,

D. HALIBURTON.

For the Laird of Gairntwlie, yownger.

191. JOHN FIRST EARL OF BREADALBANE to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Garntullie.

Baloch, December 2d, 1681.

RYCHT HONORABILL,—Your civilities and constant continoued regaird for me and my familie, should prompt me to act every circumstance that wer satisfactorie to yow. I hav, as near as uas possible for me, keept my time to yow in sending your annual rents with the bearer, with many thanks for [your] continouance of the principall, which I trust shall be as thankfullie paid, and then the interest shall not fall in arear. I hav sent your last discharge to instruct the commencment. Ther is noe person wishes yow mor health, and that your son may sudenly recover, then

Your most obliged friend and most humble servant,

BREADALBANE.

For the Laird of Garntullie.

192. THOMAS STEUART, afterwards Lord Balcaskie, to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, last March, [16]82.

RYCHT HONORABILL,—If it were possible for me to be as able to recover or preserve your health, as I am heartily sincere in wishing and praying for the

same, you should have no occasion to trouble your selfe aither with physician or drogs, so long as I lived, and I were the most ingrate villaine in the world, if I should dare to thinke, farre less to speake, write, or act otherwise; for, dearest Sir, your continued kindness and underserved favour to me has been rather like that of a father's then one uncle's. But, Sir, your being pleased to take so much of my good wishes to your health, forces me to insinuate somewhat to this purpose, for all I can aither wish or doe for your health, satisfaction, or interest, deserves no thankes from you, it being but the least of my duty. I shall pay the bishops of St. Andrews and Dumblaine, and gett their discharges, as you write, and before it had been undone, after your desyre for doeing thereof I would not have neglected, tho I should have borrowed, the money. But your sone sayes he will needs give me the money, because you write so for his advanceing thereof, for he payed the physicians before yours came to my [hand]; and for the drogs, I shall pay them as you desyre, and bring over the accompt with the receipt thereupon when I come, which, I feare, shall not be before the middle or end of the nixt moneth even. Sir Jhon Atton's persuite against Innernytie be decided in the children's favours, and the assignatione is declared null and void, after much hard labour and greate expence. But Sir Jhon is to have six thousand merks upon the account of a band of aliment instructed, as the Lords has found, by the witnesses adduced by him, which is but a pitifull and beggarly offcomeing on his part, who pretends to be a gentleman, and such a relation to the family; but more of this at meiting. The ward is not as yet agreed. I spoake the Lady Pitkerly againe for your annual rent, and she still tells me she cannot gett money to defend herselfe at law, but that she desyres you would take right to equivalent sumes oweing her. But I told her she needed not speake of that, for you would take no other debtour but herselfe, and that it was money you behoved to have, because you had use for it; but she

pleaded for time, and you should be payed with the first. Your sone was witnes to my last speaking to her. As for Sir William Purvess, I haue and shall [find] you a way whou to be payed of him without an action at law, at meeting, if it occurre to me. But I never see that letter of his you write of, but I shall speake Jhon Steuart's wife to seek for it. I shall be mindfull of what else you write of. Thus with my beast wishes to you, I am till death,

Sir, your honour's most obliged and most humbly devoted servant,

T. STEUART.

I have herewith inclosed the newes, both in write and print.

The rentall of Newtyle is found amongst Pitkerly's papers; but I leave the account of that affair to your sone.

For the rycht honorabill Sir Thomas Steuart of Grantully.

193. The SAME to the SAME.—12th July 1682.

TRES CHER PERE ET SEIGNEUR,—According as Providence favours me with pith and occasion, I will never be wanting to express the sense I have of your, I may justly say, as I sincerely thinke, more then fatherly kindness to me-ward, and tho' all I can doe is but moone shine and trifles, yet they speake ingenuously my good will, from the bottom of my hearte. Dearest Sir, my business here conteinues still very cross, and I am resolved, God willing, to waitte on it no longer then till the beginning of the nixt week. I have sent you herewith all the newes since my last. Thus hopeing you'l

excuse these frequent troubles, and my beast wishes with my most humble respects to you, I am till death, Sir,

Your most obliged, faithfull, and humbly devoted servant,

T. STEUART.

Edinburgh, 12 July [16]82.

194. The SAME to the SAME.—31st August 1682.

RYCHT HONOURABILL,—I gott the Advocat's positive answer yesterday, who has been at the Shanke all this while, waiting on his lady, who is not as yet brought to bed, else I had gott it sooner. But they are expecting her delivery every houre, and his answer is this, that he will give you Claverhouse or Gossfoord, or both of them, as you please, cautioners for the requisition of your money, with ane heritable bond on the lands of Newtylle, with all belonging thereto, payeable at Martimass come a yeare; and if you delay the payment thereof after that terme, that you should premonish him on threescore dayes before the terme thereafter you would have your money at, and he likewise to be obliged, on the other hand, to require you for takeing your money upon threescore days warning, if he shall thinke fitt, after the said terme of Martimass come a yeare. . . . . Sir, I thanke you most heartily, and humbly, for the joy you are pleased to wish me, and acknowledges, with all imaginable thankefulness, that I owe that joy and what else may be praiseworthy in my choice to you, under God Almighty, and all I can say or doe in requitall of that unspeakeable kindness, and of all your former, is to assure you afresh, that my life and what fortune I aither have, or may be master of in a world, is, and shall be, most heartily and freely, devoted to your service and interest, and that I will be proud to sacrifize all in that behalfe, when occasion offers, or in your sone's, which I look on as one and the same inter-

est and concernment. I thought to have been with you this week, or the nixt, but my Lady Tarbatt has fallen so desperately ill of ane ague, that I cannot in credit leave her as yet, specially my Lord being so farre from home, and I staying in the house with her: and I was resolved not to have sent your gloves till I had come and seen my uncle in both senses. But being hindered thus, I have sent them with this bearer Savidge; as good as I could have, and very grave, which I hope you will be pleased to accept of, and looke to the hearte they are given with, and not to the meanness of the thing. Majour Rea nor non of his people are in towne, and when they come I shall be mindfull of uhat you desire concerning him. Your fringes are ready long since, only wants an occasion to send you them: the bearer would not undertake to carry them. I am in doubt whither you would have the small fringes tufted yea, or not, for if they be fo[r] chaires, they should not be tufted, for your not does not beare it. What newes I have are enclosed herein. Thus, with my beast wishes and most humble respects to you, I am, with all my soul, till death,

Sir, your honour's most obliged and faithfull humble servant,

T. Steuart.

Last August [16]82.

Sir, my spouse gives you her most humble duty and respects.

For the rycht honorabill Sir Thomas Steuart of Grantully.

195. Sir Thomas Steuart, Lord Balcaskie, to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully. Edinburgh, 8th January [16]84.

Tres cher Seigneur,—I thanke you heartily for the share you are pleased to take in the loss I have by my brother's death, which, to himselfe, has wrought an eternall advantage. It was Saturday afternoone before yours with the

bearer came to my hands, and the Advocate was gone to Leith with the Treasurer, and severall others, so that night I could not gett him; and since I gott occasion to speake of the affaire, much time was spent before I could gett a positive resolutione, wherefore, dearest Sir, you will please excuse me for keeping the bearer so long, sore against my will, I assure you; and I find he would faine have granted your desyre to have kept the money till Witsunday, but that he having spoake all who is to pay it to be ready against Candlemass, he cannot but now pay it against Candlemass, because they have ordered their affaires so as they cannot keep it longer, but he has promised to send it to Pearth, conform to your desyre, against Candlemass, so that Ruthven may have yet time to advertise his creditours of the delay till Witsunday, being that it seems he cannot gett satisfying surety for advanceing the money a quarter before the hand, for certainly it's very unsafe to take infeftment in his ward lands for the security thereof, but if they did not hold ward, there were no hazard, as you know very well. As likewise, Sir, you understand, as well I doe, to goe about these matters as well as I can, by the advice of lawyers, without whose advice I would not hazard to conclude the like affaire myselfe; and, dearest Sir, I wounder you should make any apologie for putting me to correspond with or serve you in the least, for, God knowes, I take very greate pleasure therein, and does myselfe a singular kindness thereby, and good my commone, for no [man] living has greater tyes, whereof there can be non more sensible to the outmost of my power and reach. My wife thankes you most heartily, and so doe I, for your greate present of venisone, which is extraordinary good, and gives you her most humble duty and respects, whereunto I add mine, with all my hearte, and rests till death,

Sir, your most obliged and faithfull humble servant,

S. T. Steuart.

For the Laird of Grantully, younger.

196. JOHN FIRST MARQUIS OF ATHOLL to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Gairntuly.

Tulibardine, 8 August 1684.

SIR,—It hes pleased his Majestie to give me a commissione of Liveteinandrie, and being to goe to Argyllshire to put the said commissione in executione, and being warranded therby that yow and severall other gentlemen that hes Heighland interest goe along ther to attend the King's service, therfoir I desyre that ye may have threescore of your best and ablest men weell armed with gunnes and swords, be in readienes to goe along one tuentie four hours advertisment, with eight dayes provisione; and when I come to Dunkeld, quhich will be verry shortlie, ye shall have tymeous notice quhen and wher they shall march.

Your affectionat friend and servant,

ATHOLL.

For the Laird Gairntuly.

197. JAMES FOURTH EARL OF PERTH to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully.

Drumond, 24th September [16]84.

SIR,—I desire you would be pleased to send a fraught of your tenents' horses to carry dails and timber for jeasts from Strowan's saw mill in Rannoch to the new Tolbooth at Crief. It will be seruice don to the King and countrey, and at the same time will very much oblige,

Sir,

Your humble servant,

PERTH.

If it can be don on Tuesday or Wensday next, it will be so much the better.

For Sir Thomas Stewart of Gairntully.

198. Sir Thomas Steuart, Lord Balcaskie, to his cousin, John Steuart, younger of Grandtully. 4th November 1684.

Tres sher Seigneur,—It wes about the midle of the last weeik before I came hither, els I had written to yow before this, for I long extreamly to hear from yow, and this is the first occasione that hes offered itself, els I had written to yow sooner.

I had a letter since I came hither, from Sir William Bruce, quherin he showes me that your nice, the young Lady Aldie, is very weill, and is still at the bathes with her sister, bot has no word of her coming home as yet, and, as I understand, her sister is not yet much better of the baithes. Bot they are hopefull she may be better afterwards, and I wish it may be so. Sir William Bruce is very earnest with me to provyde him what money I possiblie can at this tearm, wheirfore, Sir, I hope my Lord Northesk will not disappoynt yow and me of his positive promises; and if yow will be pleased send over his bands with Andro Kippen, some dayes about the tearm, as ye wes resolved at my parting from yow. I shall indevour to take my owne way with my Lord Northesk, with all the civilitie that yow yourself shall desyre me, and Andro shall sie me give my heretable band theirfor, after the draught of that I gave your father (for I have ane exact scroll of it by me), payable at any tearme yow please to ordaine, which will be a fresh instance of that incomparable kyndness yow have bein pleased all along to honour and favour me with, as being my most generous patron and no less kynd benefactor, which I am very proud to owne before the world, als often as I dare or can without giving ofence to yow. Bot, Sir, all the acknowledgment and requittall I can make to yow is that I am your owne, which I am confident yow will know.

My Lord Advocat tells me that he is to pay yow that three thousand merks which Pitcurre owes yow, with the interest theirof, at the nixt tearm, so that, if ye please, send his band lykewayes with Andrew Kippen. Yow shall have my band as a forsaid for all togither. I have no newes worth the sending, bot that the Heretors of the severall circuits in the west and south countries has given the King more or less cess (very few excepted). The circuit of Aire is not as yet ended. Yow shall have a more particular account of what the respective shyres payes in these countries with the first occasione after it comes to my knowledge. The sessione satt downe on Saturday last.

Sir James Halket is laithie dead at London, and much regraited by all who knew him, and particularlie by the King and Duke, and so much the more that he dyed of a wound he receaved from on Mr. Porter, ane Inglish man, as he wes coming from the King's playhouse in a croud under night, or, at least, in the twielight. My Lord Thesaurer is not as yet come to towne, bot is expected towards the end of this moneth at fardest. I will not faill to play the expeding of your signatour of Strathbrane with the soonest I can get opportunity of him after he returnes with all the concerne I can, for I am very anxious to have it out of the reverence of ill willers. My wyfe gives yow her best wishes and humble service, as I give myne with all my heart, and rests, as ever,

Sir,

Your most obleidged and faithfull humble servant,

S. T. Steuart.

Edinburgh, 4th November 1684.

For the Laird of Grantully, younger.

199. The SAME to the SAME.—12th February 1685.

TREIS SIEUR SIGNIEOUR,—Albeit since my recept of your last, I have spock fullie with the Earle of Drumlanrig concerning the contents theirof, yet I will referre till the nixt occasione to make answer theirto, upon severall considerationes, bot especially upon the account of that great and weightie, and alas, most sad change, by the death of our great and incomparablie good, and no less wise, King, who was not only the best of Kings, bot the best of men, and died as the best of Christians, on the sext of this instant, about twelve a'cloack. Bot it wes Munday last, about twelve a'cloack at night before the fatall newes came this lenth. Bot it is our unspeakeable happines, and great comfort, that his roum is so weill supplied by the successione of his Royall Brother, as being the immediat most undoubted, and righteous, air, of the Imperiall Crownes, who wes proclaimed King yesterday, here, with all the solemnities, acclamationes of joy, and testemonies of duety and fidelity that could be exprest, and who was proclaimed in the city of London with the lyke solemnities, acclamationes, and testemonies of fidelity and dewtie by the people there, on the very day the King died, which was on Fryday last, being sext instant. The present King has been pleased to continow all things as they were before the death of our late King of glorious and blissed memorie, as ye will find by his letter under his royall hand, which was immediatly published here, after he was proclaimed King, both which are sent yow herewith in print, with the bearer. By vertue of the forsaid royall letter, the Lords of his Majestie's Privie Councill and Sessione, with all other judicatories, are sitting in great peace and quiet, as formerly, (praised be God) after they have renewed the oathes of alledgeance, test, and uthers, to his present Majestie, which they had sworne to the late King. His seeikness began with him on the second instant

in the morning, which was at first very violent for some three or four houres, bot by God Allmightie's blessing, with the ordinary mean, the violence theirof abated much that forenoon, and was prettie weill recovered, though still bed-fast, till the Fryday after, that he died. After the violence of the first fitt of his seeiknes was over, he fell in ane intermitting feaver, whereof he died, and these feu dayes he lay, he spock with the greatest divine raptures that ever any did, and toock the Sacrament from the Archbishop of Canterberrie and Bishop of London. He exprest the greatest and holiest contempt of the world imaginable, and told it was very long since he had these just thoughts of it, bot that he made it his bussines, as he sayed it was his duty, to take care to governe his people aright, and keep them in peace and quiet, which he say'd wes the greatest satisfactione and comfort to him in the world, and recomended religione, pietie, and vertue to these about him, with all imaginable zeall and constancie, to the very last periods of his life, and gave many most Christian, sound, and divine counsells to his royall brother, our present King. We can have no parliament till such tyme as it please the King to indict a new one. My wife thanks yow heartily for being pleased to mynd her so kyndlie and frequently. She and I both give yow our best wishes and humble respects, and rests as ever,

Sir,

Your most obleidged and faithfull humble servant,

S. T. Steuart.

Edinburgh, 12th February 1685.

200. The Same to the Same.

Edinburgh, 1° Apryll 1685.

Tre Sieur Signieour,—Having written to yow the other day with M^c^Nair, I have litle to say worth your trouble, bot that the Duke of Queensberrie is

now Commissioner for this ensueing Parliament, and that his Grace and my Lord Chancellour are expected in here about the beginning of the nixt week. I shall not presume to bid yow come over to meet them, fearing it may prove inconvenient, and displease some one or aneother that yow and I are nearly concerned in. Bot I hear that there are severall Perthshyre gentlemen that are to come over and to meet them at Dumbar, or some other place betwixt this and Bervick. They are expected in on the eaght or nynth of this moneth at fardest. There will undoubtedly be a goodly company to meet them, of which, God willing, I will be one, and in order theirinto my Lord Balcarras, my Lord Register, my Lord Justice Clerk, and I, has hyred ane coach for that effect. The Barrons of the shyre of Fyfe has bein pleased to choose my Lord Forret, and me, as their Commissioners to represent them in Parliament. And since yow are to cause bring over your chestnut horse, however, if you please to doe it some few dayes before the Parliament, I will trye if I might adventure to ryde the Parliament upon him, after he had been a whyle used upon the street, for I farre rather hold that favour of yow then of any els. This is all at present from,

Sir,

Your most obleidged and faithfull humble servant,

S. T. Steuart.

It was yesterday before we had the certainty of the great folks comeing of, so that I could not acquaint yow sooner. Bot I had sent ane express yesterday, had it not bein I was afrayed it would not have bein weill taken. My wife and [I] gives yow our best wishes and humble service.

For the Laird of Grandtully, younger.

201. The Same to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 19th June [16]85.

Rycht Honorabill,—God be thanked, I have the greate and good newes to tell you, that the late Argyll is taken and brought in prisoner to Glasgow and committed to the keeping of my Lord Wintone, who lyes there with his militia regiment. This I saw written under my Lord Winton's hand, (who receaved him prisoner,) in a letter to my Lord Chancellour. My Lord Cochrane brought the traytour in to Glasgow, and delivered him to Wintoune, as above said. We have not an account, as yet, of the particulars, because my Lord Dumbartoune, with the King's forces, are in pursuite of the rest of the rebells who are dispe[r]st and runne for it: for Argyll himselfe was taken in the running away. My horses were sadled this morning, for my goeing to Glasgow, to see your sone, who, blessed be God, is very well, for I had a letter from him yesterday, but the good newes will stop me, hopeing he is a-comeing hither himselfe as the rest. My wife has been very ill these two or three dayes, and she is neare her time, but, blessed be God, she is now much better, and gives you her blessing and beast wishes from her hearte, as I give mine, and rests till death,

Sir,

Your honor's most obliged and faithfull humble servant,

S. T. Steuart.

I have sent you herewith the latest journalls of the Parliament in Ingland, some in write, some print, with the King's proclamatione against that ungrate rebell the Duke of Monmutith, the Lord Gray, and some others, and we hope to gett the like good newes of them, as we have gott this forenoone of

Argyll, with the morrow's post. Pray God it may be so, and I make no doubt but, by the blessing of Almighty God, that he will be brought to that same end, and hopes it will never fare better with any traytour whatsoever. I have ordered the bearer, on all highest payne, not to sleep nor rest till he deliver this to you. He partes a little after 12 houres at noone daye.

For the rycht honorabill Sir Thomas Steuart of Grantully.

202. The SAME to JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.
28th June 1685.

TRES SHER SEIGNEUR,—Being surprized yesternight with the knowledge that the [late] Argyll is to die on Tuesday nixt, about two a'clock in the afternoone, whither headed or hanged, I cannot yet tell. I have sent the express tell you, who will be with you this night, or to morrow morning, early, so that you will be easily here on Tuesday morning at farthest, if not to morrowes night, by the Queensferry. I have written to your father whow necessary it is for yow to [be] here about that time, and that the greate persones here will take it well. Yesterdaye's newes, the bearer has with him, with a letter to you from your niece, the Lady Aldie, which is all that time can allow me to say at present, but that my wife and I gives you our beast wishes.

Sir,

Your most obliged and faithfull humble servant,

S. T. STEUART.

Edinburgh, 28th June [16]85.

For the Laird of Grantully, younger.

203. The Same to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 14th July 1685.

Tre Sieur Signeour,—I thank yow, most humblie, for being pleased to doe me the honour as to send on purpose to sie how I was, which, indeed, was much more then many nearer relationes would be at the paines to doe, at such a distance, even to these of greater deservings then any thing I can pretend to. Bot, Sir, I shall ascryve it to your owne generositie and undeserved kyndnes to me, as I most doe the manifold other extraordinary marks of favour, friendship, and honour, quhich yow have bein pleased, from tyme to tyme, to heap upon me, for which I will ever be sensible most heartily, and acknowledge them, as God inables me. I am now so weill recovered, that (God be thanked) I resolve to goe abroad to morrow, this being the last day I intend to take phisick for this bout; and being that I was under phisick, this, I hope, ye will excuse the bearer's stay this day, bot this night I am dispatching him to the tyde the morrow morning early, and he came here yesternight. I have heirwith sent yow ane printed account of the newes I gave yow a confused hint of the other day, with Balleid's man, quhich came since that tyme, with a considerable additione of the taking of the Duke of Monmounth, which was this:—The countie of Dorsetshyre militia did devide themselves over all the shyre in small pairties, bot first agried amongst them that the pryce putt upon his head should be devided equally amongst them. And fyve of them did find him in a dry ditch, within hedges, sound asleep, covered with some of the branches of the trees and grass to hyde himself. They did lykewayes take, at that same tyme, a Swicer, who was on of his servants, with him. And the King, upon the notice therof, did send the 5000 lb. starling, putt upon his head, to be devided amongst them. The Dutches

of Monmounth and her children are putt in the Tower. I told yow in my last my Lord Grey was taken, and so are now the heads and ringleaders of that rebellione, which is all I have worth your reading at the tyme. I was telling yow, Sir, as yow may please remember, of that ten thousand merks which Thomas Kincaid was offering to lean me upon my band, and yow cautioner, which I have sent heirwith inclosed, subscryved be me before twa witnesses, with a full clause of releiff be me in your favours, as in all justice ther should, so that if yow think fitt to signe it, as cautioner, and to cause twa witnesses subscryve to your subscriptione, and keep a not of the dait and place ye subscrived at, and I shall cause insert the witnesses names here, by the wryter thereof. And if ye should be pleased to cause inclose the same, and send it at your conveniencie to Provost Glass, and he will have ane care that the post of Perth bring it safe hither. I dare use neither apologie nor complement with yow in the thing, knoweing ye lyke non of them from me. Wheirfore all I shall say at the tyme is to wish yow as much health and happines as mankynd is capable of, and rests, as ever,

Sir, your most obleidged and faithfull humble servant,

S. T. Steuart.

My wife gives yow her humble dewtie.

For the Laird of Grandtully, younger.

204. The Same to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 21 July 1685.

Right Honorable,—Haveing the occasione of this bearer, I thought it my dewtie to let yow know that my wife wes brought to bed on Saturday last,

lait in the afternoon, of a son and a daughter (God be thanked). She had very hard and severe labour, and wes in great danger, but (blissed be God) her phisician and her relationes here, who have skill, thinks her now in a tolerable conditione. I pray God it may be so; however, it is no small comfort to her and me both that God has blissed us with the happiness of giving yow a godson, which is the greatest evidence of the sense of the dewtie and gratitude we owe yow that our present circumstances can allow of, though they be, indeed, better (blissed be God) then we deserve. And if it please God to spare him, I hope he shall be a faithfull servant to yow and your familie, as in all dewtie we and all ours should. My daughter's name is Margrat, after her great grandmother, my Lady Colingtowne, who assisted and was witnes to her birth and christning. Your godson was the first born, and it was good for him so, for the daughter suffered much more in the birth, and is the weakest, bot, blissed be God, they are both weill, and your godson is allready provyded of a nurse, who, I hope, will prove a good on. My wife's mistaking of her reckoning, in about fivetein or sixtein dayes, did occasione the greater trouble to her and me both, all necessars for these occasiones not being provyded; however, we made the best shift we could. I have bein the fuller in my account of this, because I know it will not be unacceptable to yow. Dear Sir, for all the concerne I am in about my wife's conditione, I would not neglect to send yow the newes, being they are considerable. Wherefor please receave herewith yesterdaye's Newes Letter and Gazet, with a new printed account of the late expeditione and defeat of the rebells in Ingland, and twa proclamations, the on concerning thanksgiving for God Almightie's goodness to the King and his three kingdomes, which, indeed, has bein great and miracolous. Pray God make us all thankfull. The other proclamatione is anent the peace of the Highlands, which, indeed, is very necessar, specially in this junctur of afaires. My wife, weack and

seeikly as she is, gives yow her best wishes and humble respects, with all heart, as I doe myne, and rests, as ever,

Sir, your most obleidged and faithfull humble servant,

S. T. Steuart.

The Earle of Dumbartoun went this morning from this for London, and got twa rounds of the guns of the castle at his parting. Severalls went out to convoy him a pairt of the way.

For the right honorable Sir Thomas Steuart off Grandtully.

205. The Same to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully.
5th September 1685.

Tre Sieur Signeour,—I came here yesternight safelie, and in good health, blissed be God, and had very good weather and good companie, all alongs the journey. The King being at Windsor, I am going thither to kiss his Majestie's hands, with all the heast I can, so that I can give yow no newes at the tyme. Bot if I learn any afterwards, that is proper to me to wreat at this distance, yow shall have them. I doe understand from good hands that as to that particular we were speaking of before parting, that these things are extreamly hard to be obtained, if at all. However, outmost indevorrs shall not be wanting to ply it als farre as may be. This with my best wishes and most humble respects to yow, I rest as ever,

Sir, your most obleidged and faithfull humble servant,

S. T. Steuart.

I have directed this to be left at my house, because I desyred my wife to

goe to her father's, or her uncle's, for some tyme, to take the aire in the countrie, and has left it here to be sent away with the first post.

London, 5 September 1685.

For the Laird of Grantullie, younger, Scotland.

To be left at my Lord Balcaskie's house, Edinburgh.

206. The SAME to the SAME.—15th September 1685.

TRE SIEUR SIGNEOUR,—I wrott to yow from London, of the fyth instant, that I was making all the heast hither, to kiss the King's hands, that possiblie I could; and accordingly I came here, upon the seventh at night, and did my self that honour that same night, and his Majestie was pleased to be very civill to me, as he is to all his faithfull subjects, and these who are otherwayes are neither worthy of his royall favour nor protectione. I had written to yow sooner from this place, bot that I delayed till I could send your father his consultatione from the King's phisicians here, which I could not get sooner done, because on of them wes at Tunbridge with the Prince and Princess, as I wreat to your father himself in the same pacquet. As to the particular ye know of, I shall say nothing at the tyme bot that my former feares still continowes. Ther is such a world of our countriemen here, that it is uneasie to the King to be cruded and sie so many at a tyme, and the truth is they cannot all thryve for throng. The mistakes and heats between our great men I find abaits nothing bot rather increases; which yow may be sure is not very pleasant to the King, and no wonder, and als litle for the honour of our countrie. And when or how it shall please his Majestie to compose and adjust the same, is more then I can as yet learn, or is fitt for me to know,

and certainly it will retard, if not dissapoynt, many of our countriemen who has privat bussines here. Livetennant Generall Drummond is in the place of Generall Dalziell, which the King was pleased to declaire very franklie, and of his owne accord. It is no small task for privat persones here to cary equallie amidst these heats between our great men. And it is lyke my Lord Chancellour will be here before the King declaire his pleasure in the matter. I beginne to weary here allready, for money melts away lyke snow before the sun. Yet I cannot say when I can leave it, or when I goe to London. And we would all be very glad how soone the King would be pleased to goe for Whytehall, for it is much better, and easier, for us to be at London then here, in all respects. Bot when he goes it is yet not certainly knowen. This, with my best wishes and most humble dewtie to yow, I rest,

Dearest Sir, your most obleidged and faithfull humble servant,

S. T. Steuart.

Windsor, 15 September 1685.

For the Laird of Grantullie, younger.

207. The Same to [the Same].—6th November 1685.

Tres cher Seigneour,—I have spock fullie with my Lord Advocat concerning the groundles lybell, raised at Hendersone's instance, before the Councill, against yow, and I find he has suffered himself to be extreamlie misinformed in the thing, both be the fellow Hendersone himself, and others, of far greater worth and merit. However, he has promised to me, that he shall move no further in it till he be yet more fullie and surer informed in all the circumstances of the matter, for which assurance I will be answerable in the tearmes forsaid, so that yow will not neid to trouble yourself to come over upon that account, till you be of new advertised theirof, which I will not fail to doe, if

I find cause for it. And for all that quarrell, and angry letter, which your father wrott to him, he is very desyrous to pay what annual rent he is oweing upon Pitcurre's account. As I have written to your father fullie about it, and he protests that it wes very farre from his thoughts ever to have disobleidged your father or yow either, or the alloweing either that fellow Hendersone, or any servant ever he was master of, to have done so ether. His Ladey was brought to bed of a son, and his name is George, for which, yow may be sure, they are both very weill pleased, and no wonder, so that, Sir, yow may be pleased to writt to him a civill letter, with the bearer, showeing, in a word, how civillie Hendersone wes used upon his Lordship's account, and how far yow was from the thoughts of doeing anything to disobleidge his Lordship, as I firmlie belive yow was so. And if yow pleased to send the letter unsealled, inclosed with yours to me, with the bearer, I shall be very cairfull to deliver it. I have not a word newes to give yow, bot what I told yow before, bot that the Duke of Hammiltone and Dutches are in their way home, which yow may be pleased to show your father, which I have not written to him, because there was no room in his letter, nor that of the Advocat's haveing a son. My wife gives yow her best wishes and humble respects, to which I adde myne with all my heart, and rests,

Sir, your most obleidged and faithfull humble servant,

S. T. Steuart.

Edinburgh, 6 November 1685.

208. Helen Mercer to her uncle John Steuart, younger of Grandtully.

London, May 12th, 1685.

Mutch Honoured Sir,—I received yours with a great deall of satisfaction, being extreamly glade to know that ye ar in good health. I am sory to hear

my grandfather hath been so mutch trubld with the scurvie this winter, but I hope now, in the sumer, he will find himself a great deall better, which I wish with all my heart. Sir, I give you very many thanks for your kind lettr, it is very far from being a truble to me, but rather ane great faver and obligation. Ye ar pleased to desir to know if I find my self any better of the bathes. The truth is, I am not sencabll of any good I have gott of them at all, which mad me that I hade given it over alltogether, and resolved never to truble any body, nor my self any mor about it, but by God's grace to be very will content as I am, but they tell my sister they will doe me good in Parish, for, they say, ther is excellent sherurgens ther, and she intends to go over into France within a week, or therby, and try what they can doe ther, which, I am affrayed, will be very littl. But I know every wan, both relations and others, will blame me, and be aptt to think that I have persuade her to this. But truly I would be very loath upon many accounts, and if ye will be pleased to trust me, as I hope ye will be so just as to doe, I have wsed all the argument I could to disuad her from it, for I know it will be both a truble and a lose to her, and I am very loath she should have any of them, upon my account, if I could help it, but she will needs go this jurnay, doe I what I cane. I acknowledg I am very mutch oblidged to [her,] and this is a kindness which I am showr, I cane not requit. My mother hath not heard of our going ther from any of ws, but my sister intends, and I both, to writ to her of it in two or three days. I know not what to say to her, I am so afrayed she will be angry at this jurnay. She is not satisfied we have stayed so long hear, I find by her letter to me. I know ye will be so good as to doe what ye cane to persuad her not to have any fears, or to be trubled, for I hope she shall have no couse, and I know your words will go a great way with her, or with any wan. I think my sister hath writen as mutch to you as I hope will justify me to my grandfather, and you

both and my mother. I am sory she should charg me so much with the blam of it. Being affrayed to weary your patiance, and humbly begs your pardone for this long tidyows letter, I shall pray the Lord to bliss and preserve you, and send ws all ane hapy meetting, which is very mutch longe for by her who is,

Sir, your affectionat neice and oblidged humble servant,

HELEN MERCER.

Let thes present my humble duty to my grandfather and yourself. Pray doe me the faver to let me know if [I] can do you any service wher I am going.

I hope ye will be so good as pardone me for being so long of writing to you. I was loath to do it, till I could give you some acownt if we was to come hom now, and if no, wher we was going.

For the Laird of Grantuly, younger, at Edinburgh, Scotland.

209. JOHN FIRST EARL OF BREADALBANE to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully.

London, July 14th [16]85.

RYCHT HONORABILL,—I spoak to your sone at Edinbrugh in May, and as I came hither also, the last week, that as yow uer pleased to let me hav the vse of your money in great kindnes, so yow should hav it returned now, with many thanks, therfor be pleased to appoynt on to receav it from my cusine Corchaine at Edinbrugh. He will receav your discharge, and the papers, as they ar requisite to be given, and although the debt shall be payed, yet, I will still lye under the obligation of the favor, who am,

Richt honorabill, your most faithfull freind and humble servant,

BREADALBANE.

For the Laird of Garntullie, elder.

210. Lady Mary Campbell, Countess of Caithness and Breadalbane, to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully.

Baloch, October 13th, [16]85.

Sir,—I hav just now receaved yours, dated the 10th instant, and I am verie sencible of your friendship and favoure in using your indevors to hav got your father to hav taken the monie wich I stand ingadged for, and tho you hav not been suxsesfoul, yet I doo not oue you the les thanks. We most let your worthie kind father tak his oun way; and I confes it is but reason that he dispos of his oun as best pleases him. I am his and

Your asured freind to serv you,

M. Caithness.

For the Laird of Garntully, younger.

211. Grisel Mercer to her uncle, John Steuart, younger of Grandtully.

25th October 1685.

Much honoured and dear Uncle,—I ame heartly glad to hear, by the letters I received leatly from Scotland, you are in good health, and all freinds. My sister and I is very well, and has very good freinds heer, altho all strangers. I shall take cair that my sister get advis of the best that can be had in this place, but their is littel hops that she can be better, and likwis I will be very cairfull that she be no wors. Dear uncle, seeing you are so oblieging as to concern yourself in my affairs at this time, I desir you may doe me the favor, if my grand father think fitt, to send Mr. Kippen to Aldie, to consider with Couldon what is fitt to be done for getting the rests that are in the tennants hands, for Colldon will be very well satisfied that what is to be done in this,

be ordered by any other then himself. I know Mr. Kippen can very well order all other affairs there. If it be needfull, he will find the last accompts I fitted with Coldon at Meiklower. I doe not doubt but Mr. Kippen will be cairfull of my affairs at Tullibegells. I writ to him to lett no tennants stay there that he knows cannot pay what they are resting. As for my law affairs, seeing Mr. Jonstoun has delayed them this two sessions, I have written severall tims that I will not imploy hime any mor. I have written to Mr. James Mercer to imploy Mr. Colvell, or any other, that will be cairfull; for there is no affair wherin I ame perswr that needs to be delayed, if they will but take the pains to consider the papers. Dear uncle, I hop you will pardon me for giveing you so much troubl about my affairs, and let me again know wherin I can be so happy as to doe you any serves. I came from Fontainbleau, where the Court now is. The King, with all the persons off qualitie, and many of the ladies, pass their tyme in hunting. For the most pairt their is excellent musick and commedies, and all such devertisments. The Princese of Ceonti is recovering out of the small pox, to the joy off the whole court. The Embassador off Poll[and] had his audience in great splendor, the 19th currant. The 21th the Duk of Richemont made abjouration off the Protestant religion publikly at the King's messe, where there was abondanse of ceri-nooney used. I doubt not but you have heard how sade a tyme it is for the French Protestants; they are forbid all manner off excercise in the matter off their devotions. Pray God bliss you with many happy days. I ame,

Sir, your most affectionat neice and most humbl servant,

GR. MERCER.

Paris, October 25th, [16]85.

For the Laird off Grandtully, younger.

212. JEAN STEUART, widow of Sir James Mercer, to her brother, JOHN STEUART of Grandtully.

Meiklelour, 24 February 1686.

MUCH HONORED AND DEAR BROTHER,—I earnestly intreat you to have a care what company you keep, upon severall accounts, for I hear that my Lord Panmure, tho' he was as moderate a man as many in Scotland, yet it was after drinking he fell in that feaver whereof he died; for this I had from one whom I will beleive very well. Sir, there is a report going up and down that Grisal intends for Italy, and that which makes me the more suspicious is a letter she wrote to Mr. James, which I told you something off when you did me the favour to see me here, which I confess does trouble me, and I have now written a line to Hellen, but I have not said any thing of that to her. I had written tuice to her sister since I heard from her, so that I desire that you would be pleased to write to her as you think fit. Praying to God to keep you from all evil company,

I remain, your affectionate sister aud servant,

JEANE MERCER.

For the Laird of Grauntully, at Edinburgh.

213. WILLIAM HAY, Perth, to JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

Perth, January 14, 1687.

RYCHT HONORABILL,—Ther hath passed so many letters and returns betuixt my Lord Newwark and me since his good lady came to this place, that I begin now to think he is in earnest, and that his heart is smitten for his ingratitude and unkyndnes to so excellent a lady, for so he sayes himself, that he is a thousand tymes condemned by himself, more then by all the world, and

especially by his last, which came express yesternyt, he hath gained more both upon his Lady and me then ever he hath done before, and begs that I would intercede for a meeting betwixt them, where he sayes he shall comply with any propositions shalbe offered for secureing her in his future good behavior. I perceiv also his Lady to languish for the condition off her children, as weel as for him, bot she resolvs to doe nothing towards the reconcilement without your direction and advyse, and therfor, Sir, iff ye can allow yourself so much tyme as to wryte your opinion to her, and advyse her to accept off such securities as he can make, I think ye will doe a work worthy off your concern in such a freind, for it wer much better that they should live together in peace and freindship, then that either he should be driven to desperat courses, or that she should languish at this distance from her children. I know my Lady wilbe regulated by your advyce, and I hope, tho' it wer not her oun desyre to have it, yet ye will not declyne your asistance to so good a work upon the earnest entreaty off,

Sir, your honor's most humble servant,

WILL. HAY.

For the rycht honorabill the Laird off Gairntillie, younger, at Dunkelden.

214. JOHN FIRST EARL OF BREADALBANE to JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

Balloch, August 25th, [16]87.

SIR,—Your kinsman and pupill Tullineidies condition requyrs a speedie inspection to be taken into his affairs, therby to know if it be recoverable or not. This is your pairt and mine, and the rest of the curators to do, that, if it be possible, to preserv a livlyhood for him, uee may endevour it, and if

not, that uee may not loss our labour, and be affronted in ane affair that uee cannot help, nor put him in hops uher ther is not ground to work vpon. I hav intreated the commissar to come hither, once for all, as to that affair, and I hav undertaken that you will be pleased to giv yourself that trouble, for which I begg your pardone, but it is our credit that somthing be done in it. Therfor, pray yow let me know your dyet, by this bearer, that I may be at home to atteud yow, who ame,

Honored Sir,

Your very faithfull servant,

BREADALBANE.

I hope Balleide will be pleased to come alongst uith yow.

For the Laird of Garntullie, younger.

215. The SAME to the SAME.

Balloch, August 30th [16]87.

HONORED SIR,—I did laitly ureat to yow concerning Tullineideis and his affairs, hoping to hav had the good fortoun to hav seen yow at this place, and least yow should be disapoynted, I hav sent this express to acquaint yow that my affairs briugs me from this place for some ueeks, but shall be glayd to hear from yow your opinion uhat shall be done for that poor boy whoe is lyk to be ruined amongst our hands insensibly, if not prevented, uhich both yow and I uill endevour all uee can, if once uee knew how to do it, uhich in treuth I know not intill I be informed. I am,

Sir, your very humble servant,

BREADALBANE.

For the Laird of Garntullie, younger.

216. DAVID FOTHRINGHAME of Poury to JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

Poury, 8th September [16]87.

SIR,—If ye have any kindness for a dead nephew and a godsone, ye will preferr Mr. George Thomsone to the church of Kincleven, who was so kind to him, that I may esteem him a second father, if it hade pleased God to have spared him; and if the intreatty of a brother can weight any thing with you, it is my earnest desire that he may be the man. As for his qualificationes, they will speake for themselves. Ye may have a tryall of them befor he come from Murtly. As for his life and conversation, I may say they are nothing short of him who was ther before, I will not say better. The granting of this suit will extreamly obleidge him who is,

Sir, your most humble servant,

D. FOTHRINGHAME.

For the Laird of Gairntullie, younger.

217. THOMAS FOTHRINGHAME, younger of Pourie, to JOHN STEUART, younger of Grandtully.

Pourie, September 8th, [16]87.

SIR,—According to your desire, I have given you ane accompt of the man I designed for the church of Kinckleaven, which is the bearer, Mr Thomsone, who I hope ye will acknouledge is such as ye desired, and I ingadged for. As for that ye write of one of my oun relationes (notwithstanding I have neither affinitie nor consanguinite uith him), yet I looke upon him as my particular relation, good friend, and comarad, which I believe ye and everie generous person will think the greatest tye; for, according to the auld adage, they are aluayes nearest related that love other best. I will ingadge that ye shall

have as much satisfaction in him as ye could expect from anie other, whatsomever. I doe, indeed, persuade myself that ye will be nothing short of your promise, for I knou ye have the disposall of that place to anie bodie ye think fitt, and my father and I both expects ye will preferr this gentleman, uhich uill be ane singular favour done to us both, and ane everlasting tye upon,

Sir, your affectionatt nevoy and most humble servant,

T. FOTHRINGHAME.

For the Laird of Grandtillie, younger.

218. PATRICK RAMSAY, writer in Edinburgh, to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 5th December 1687.

RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR,—Your cause against the fewers of Glenqueich would have been reported last weeik be my Lord Drumcairne, bot was delayed at my Lord Balcaskie's desyre, and be his advyce, till your honour should returne ane answer to ane letter written be him with this bearer. Sir, according to your desyre, there shall be nothing done against Mungo Campbell. The reason whey I caused summond him was, because the old decreit for the teinds before the Commissary of Dunkeld is also against his lands. So soone as my Lord Drumcairne makes his report to the Lords, your honour shall be acquainted therewith. Ther are no newes considerable in the last Newes Letter or Gaset, bot that it is thought be phisicians the Queen is with chyld. The French King is making great preparationes for warre, and erecting many strong forts, which is thought to be upon the account of his pretensione to the successione of the crowne of Spaine (the King of Spain being now a dying), and after his death the French King resolves to compett for that Crowne. It is reported that the Emperour intends to make a league with

the Turk, which being done, it is thought he will immediatly denunce warre with France. On Magnus Prince, formerly Dean of Gild, was upon Fryday last elected provost of this city, upon a letter from the King. Sir James Stansfield of Newmilnes was found, upon Sunday wes eight dayes, lying dead in a pond of water besyde his owne house. Some say he drowned himself; others say he was murdered by his wyfe and his eldest son; upon informatione wherof there was a warrand from the Councill for apprehending them and the haill servants in the familie, and who accordingly were brought in prisoners on Saturdaye's night. They say here that Duke Hammilltowne will stay in England all this winter. Queensberrie's accompts have been last weeik before the committee appoynted to sitt upon them, and this weeik they are to make their report, and send the same to the King. This, not troubling your honour farder at present, I rest, Sir,

Your honour's most obedient and faithfull humble servant,

PA. RAMSAY.

For the right honorable Sir Thomas Stewart off Grantully.

219. The SAME to the SAME.

Edinburgh, 27 February 1688.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR,— . . . . We have no newes here at present, bot that Mr. Stainfield wes execut on Fryday last, who died without making confessione of any of the crymes for which he wes condemned. He turned popish fyve dayes before his death, and toock the sacrament from the priests, bot, about two hours before his executione, he recanted the popish religione, and called for protestant ministers, who attended him to the scaffold, and prayed for him there. Sir George M'Kenzie wes receaved, and satt as King's Advocat, and Sir John Dalrymple as Justice Clerk and Lord of the Sessione,

upon Friday last. I doubt not bot your honor has heard that the King wes pleased to call home the Scots Regiments in Holland, and how many of the most considerable officers refused to come, which is lyke to raise some jealosie betwixt the King and the States. As also the States of Holland have taken Doctor Burnet, a Scotsman, under their protectione, notwithstanding that he wes declaired rebell here, and the King has by his ambassadour severall tymes desyred the States to banish him furth of their terratories. The difference and animosity betwixt the Pope and the King of France still continowes without any appearance of ane accomodatione. This, Sir, is the substance of the last newes. So not troubling your honour further at present,

I rest,

Sir, your honour's most obedient and faithfull humble servant,

PA. RAMSAY.

For the right honorable Sir Thomas Stewart off Grantully.

220. COLIN THIRD EARL OF BALCARRES to SIR GEORGE MACKENZIE, LORD ADVOCATE.

28th February 1688.

MY LORD,—On my contry's account, and a litl selfishnes, I wished you in your auld imployment, and I think you haue noe reason to repent, concidring an honest man that's firm to his religion caue bee more usful now thean ten that lays theamselfs aseid. This made me so disirus to haue you leaue your privat imployment, that I doupt not was pleasenter to you, and as profitabll, espeasialy since you cam in again on your own tearms, which I know thear is noe Protestant but would bee satisfied with. If ever you had been disired to go a greater lenth thean Fagel's letter, I think you might haue had som reason for repeining. But now, since you cam in soe gently, your frinds rather

expected thanks thean the least grumbling, which I hope to heer noe more of. I assure you I haue don my utmost endeavors that your opinion should bee folloued that you so earnestlye recomended to me that wee should haue noe Parliment here until Ingland had shoued what they would doe. I haue liikways tould your opinion about the elexions of the borrous, that the way now doing is not legal, and that in a Parliment all most take the test. But how farr your adveises will goe, I cannot ansuer, since som, I belive, gius others, that has more interest thean we, and gius greater incuragments. But it's som satisfaction to an honest man that hee has don his deuty, which I can bear you wittnes of, nor shal I myself euer doe enything for all that may bee said of me, that you ore eny honest man may in the least think shame you haue such a cussen and a trew frind as

BELCARRES.

For my Lord Advocat, Scotland.

221. JOHN FIRST EARL OF BREADALBANE to SIR THOMAS STEUART of Grandtully.

Balloch, April 16, [16]88.

RYCHT HONORABILL,—I could not get opurtunitie for making your annual rents readie intill nixt week that I shall send them to your servant Andrew Kippan, if you uill send him the discharges to be given for them; and I most, in the meantime, intreat a favor of yow to giv me assurance not to trouble James Campbell of Turreich with caption, he being extreamly diseas'd with the gravell, and yitt hes fledd his house. It's but for a short time I desyr it, whereby yow will oblidge,

Sir, your very assured freind and most humble servant,

BREADALBANE.

For the Laird of Garntullie.

222. William Hay to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully.

London, May 26, 1688.

Sir,—Upon Thouresday lastt Captan Hammeltoun was killead by one of our leuttenentes, a brother of Alkamouttes, in the castell; and ther is also a greatt misfortoune fallen out, honnestt Gosfourd going out in a small boatt from the pakeatt boatt, the boatt oversatt, wher ther ware four savead of ten, 6 drowndead,—Gosfourd one, two Inglish gentellmen, two Italianes, and the master of the pakeatt boatt. His corpes was fouend and broight to Dover: he is to be burread att London. This is the third letter. Give your letteres to my house, or derectt them to Mr. Milles, att the saeyne of the ship, in Chareles Streatt, Wastminster. The King is to see us on Freyday nextt. I long to hear from you, which is all att present from he who is your fathfull commorad and servant,

Will. Hay.

For John Steuartt of Gaerintille, younger, to be leaffitt att
John Greme's, Postmaster Generall in Scottland.

223. Sir Thomas Steuart of Balcaskie to John Steuart of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 21st August [16]88.

Deare Sir,—I hope by what Kiltrea wrote to you upwards of twentie dayes agoe, and by what I wrote to you severall times since that time that I saw your father, you have indeavoured to be on your guard against surprise with the worst you could heare, concerning whow God Almighty should please to dispose of your father as to this fraile and mortall life, and remember, dearest Sir, that upon our complying with, and thankefull submission to, His unerring and indispensable will, depends most of our happiness and wellbeing, both as

to our state and conditione, military and triumphante, for time and eternity; and that if we grudge and murmure or grieve beyond the just measure, he 'l let all mortals know that He has yet sharper stripes and trialls to wound and afflict them with, than what hitherto has befallen them by all the changes, revolutiones and other dispences of His providence. And being it has pleased God to treist you with the trial of calling your father from this valley of teares to his eternall rest, as you will find by your sisters, the ladies of Aldie, Logie, and Kiltrea's letters herewith sent you, which came to my hands yesterday, let me beg, for the love of God, and as you would prevent His farther displeasure, to carry under it with that Christiane submissione as becomes, praying the Almighty with all my soul to give you the sanctifyed use thereof, and grace to acquiesce in His good will. His body is prepared and preserved, so as that it will keep well for five or six weikes; so, dearest Sir, let it not hasten you sooner home than your health can well allow, and let me beg to hear from you with the first after these comes to your hands, when you may thinke of comeing this lengthe, that I may come over and meet you here, for I have severall thinges to speake to you here, before I be with you at Murthly in order to the funerals, and I am goeing this day over, but your letters directed to me will be carefully sent to me, and were it possible for me, I could meet you meed way in Ingland, and when you doe come, as you tender your health and life, beware of posting now after the bathes, which certainly has brought your body lower than it was, and opened your pores, and loused the whole frame of your body. In the meane time, honour me with what commands lyes in me to doe, which will be no small refreshment and reliefe to me, if I have truth or credit in me. Thus, wishing the Almighty to direct, bless and preserve you, I am, as ever,

Dear Sir, your most obliged and faithfull humble servant,

S. T. Steuart.

224. JAMES MARQUESS OF DRUMMOND to Mr. WILLIAM DRUMMOND, brother to Logie Almond.

Hambourg, December 26, 1704.

DEAR CUSIN,—I must confess, tho' I haue been generally unkindly used by my freinds, I did not expect to be so barbarously abandoned by them in a forain country, uhere I did not go out of any inclination of myne, or uithout there advice, but forc't to 't by the necessite of my affairs, and there instant desire, contrary to my oune opinion, therefor cannot but recent my being left so destitute of mony even after the time I uas made expect it, and the last I got uas so much diminisht by the exchange, that it uas hardly to be imagiond I should haue liv'd upon it so long as I haue done, which uas till the time fixt, but haue since been put to inconveniences I am ashamed of. Therefor, for the feuter, tho' I shall notwithstanding uaite the comming of bills, as formerly, or take any other uay shall be markt to me as most frugal, yet I desire to haue a generall credit, that I may not be affronted upon such ane other strait, uhich I desire you uould accquaint my freinds uith, and lett them knou that it is uhat I find most universally practis't here, and esteemd most honourable. I remember in your last yow spoke of pretended journy of myne to Hanover. It is like the rest of the dam'd ly's haue made of me, for tho' I am within 14 leagues of it, I naither haue been there, nor ever do intend it, tho' the Parlement of Scottland had settled the succession that way, for tbe Commisioner in cathedra, not the Queen and parlement, tho' the head of your church, is the reule of my faith, nor cannot settle my conscience, or make me do contrary to my opinion, or uhat is just. I desire you uould disabuse people of that journy, and I doe assure you if I kneu uho had forged that scandalous imposture, I would use him as such a rascal deservs,

for the varying in my principills is a caracter I cannot beare. But 'tis a thing so comon, I'm sory to say 't, in ouer notions that people don't think they do a man ane injury in beliving him capable of it. I haue ane account from France that my brother John is to be here soon. Remember me kindly to your's and his lady, and belieue me to be,

Dear Wil, your most affectionat cusin and servant,

DRUMMOND.

225. The SAME to the SAME.

Hambourg, February 24, 1705.

DEAR CUSIN,—In my last I complaind, uith reason, of the neglect of my freinds, but to find, notuithstanding my remonstrances, they continou, is unsoportable. Pray lett my lettres, at least, be ansuer'd, that I may knou for uhat reason 'tis I am not supply'd, as I reasonably should expect. I haue been here 6 or 7 months, and from Scottland haue had but one bill of 200 lbs. Ane other I was forct to drau, but so leat expecting till it should be draun in Scottland, that to gett monie I uas oblig'd to use means that exhausted the greatest part of it befor I receav'd my monie. This is not all,—my pretended freinds, not content to have done me all the injury in my reputation they could at home, doe pursue me even into strange countrys: But beleive me, thogh I am tempted to be angry, uhen I consider the unvorthiness of the uretches, I no more valeu their malice then the barcking of a dog that is cheand and cannot reach to byte: nor can those poor miserable curs hurt me. But I hope I haue freinds that uill look a little to my honour, of uhich number I recon your self and your brother, and not lett me be affronted. Pray cause send a bill imediatly, for I never had so much occasion for't, and I doe promise that after this campaigne is over, you, nor nobody, shall be

troubled much with letters for monie, so their be a summe provided for making ane equipage, which I am sure you uill not be neglignt in contributing to, uhen ane affaire of so much honour is at stake; you uill easily guess uhear I'm to serve. Uhear I uould I dare not, and uhear I dare I uill not, so their is but one place I can go to solve both those difficultys, and I hope my treu freinds uill make me do it with reputation, and I do solemly promise 'tis the last favour of that nature I shall trouble them to aske for. If nather pest, famine, nor the suord destroy me, uhich abound there, I do assure you I designe ane other sourse, and since I am no more to be troublsome, I do, uith the more bouldness, require the assistance of my freinds, and sure aither on the uoods, or by borouing, the somme requesite may be had. Dear Will, I trust in you that not only you uill do me your self in this affaire all kindness imagionable, but use your endeavours uith my freinds. In the mean time I must haue money for my mentenance, uhich, uith sheam, I oune I haue not, tho' tis raither a sheam to those uho are the cause of my uant. I could say a great deal, but to save both you and my self from the spleen, I uill quitt so disagrable subject to assure you that I [am]

Dear Will, your affectionate cusin and servant,

DRUMMOND.

Pray remember me kindly to your brother and his lady, and tell him that in this affaire I relay entirly on him. If you see my sister and her Lord, tell them I am surprised in so long time not to haue heird from them, tho I urott at parting, and tell the Marechall that Mr. Wich, who is resident here, does constantly, uhen uee ar together, remember him uith a great deal of kindness and respect. He does accquitt him self of his emploment uith a great deal of aplause. He knows him to be a man of uitt, but he could not have imagion'd him to have so much prudence.

226. The SAME to the SAME.

Hamburg, April 28, 1705.

SIR,—Your lettre uas most surprising to me, since it gave no assurance of that credit I ask't, nor so much as of the payment of the pretended allouance. I leave to any body to judge if it be suportable that I should be so vsed. Is their no faith in man? You all kneu I came auay uithout a stich of cloaths, and yett before I got monie, all I broght, uas spent, or debt contracted upon it for necessarys; the second monie I uas forc't to drau, for I beleiu I never should haue had it not till nou, had I not had recourse to that method contrary to my inclination, and nou tis long since I haue been put to strainge straits, but that is not mynded, I am at a distance, but I hope one day to returne, and I uill cause uhoever has been the occasion of my misery, for I terme no other-uay the condition I am in, and for uant of a very small allouance, nor can I terme, uho ever is the author of it, but as a rascall, and I do assure you I'l use him as such as soon as I can find him out. I am sorie your brother and some others haue so little regard to their oune honour, and to uhat they oue to me as to lett them selfs be influenct so far as to go alongst with measurs uhich must reflect upon them selfs, and uhich I cannot forgett, the steat I am in is too sensible to me ever to forgett it, or those uho are the occasion of it. 'Tis imposible that those uho call them self my freinds could not haue gott some monie, at least to have made me liv'd had they been realey so, but that is un merle blanc now adays. You cannot conceave the condition I am in in a strainge country, desitute of freinds, or at least haveing non that ar able to suply my misfortons, or being so basshfull as not to expose my circum-stances to them, and enteirly destitute of monie is uhat I cannot patiently beare. Pray endeavor not to haue it continou. I uould haue uisht you joy

of matrimonie sooner, had I been in a situation of minde to think of any thing of that nature, but I haue been so uneasie I could not think of any thing but of the subject of my melencoly. I desire you uould remember me kindly to your Lady, and beleive that I am,

Your assured friend and servant,

DRUMMOND.

To Mr. William Drummond, brother to Logie Almond, to the caire of Mr. William Drummond, writer at Edenburgh, Scotland.

227. GEORGE FIRST EARL OF CROMARTIE to HER MAJESTY QUEEN ANNE.

Edinburgh, 5 October 1708.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTIE,—If your Majesty had not allowed but graciously comanded me to lay before yow by a letter whe[n] occasion required it, ether in your Majesty's service or what might be my own concerns, I had not presumed to tell that the usage I have mett with, since I had the honor of seeing yow last would sink me, did I not solace my self with a perswasion that it is not only without your Majesty's allowance, but your knowledge. To trouble your Majesty with a detail either of the indignitys or the injustices done, as they are not worthy of your tyme, so it wold be impertinence in me to writt such a letter; and also albeit there be severall things which in my weak judgment seem worth of nottice in matters of government heer, and especially with respect to the establishing and further fixing of that vnion which was certainly produced by your royall prudence and peculiar care, not only against the open opposition of many, but, (what was of greater difficulty,) against the secret machination of pretending actors for it. And since its security and full establishment may have the samne enimies, still, with the

addition of new disaffection in many who are perhaps irritated therby to weaken ane vnion which they could not directly hinder, nor dared not oppose openly, and another class of inconveniencies to the right establishment of the vnion from the ignorance of new or young too great pretenders to knowledge; and others guiding their councels by self interest, or privat designs, tho' with such things, as may leave causes of separation or discord: therfor I thinking it my duty to prosecut to the end, what I tho' perhaps in great weaknes but with true zeal to your Majesty's great work, and wherein I had the honor to serve so long and faithfully, and with more loss both of freends and means then I will now mention; and yett averse to embarass your Majesty with tedious papers I have instructed this bearer, my sonne, with what I could say or occurrs to me at such distance on these matters; if so your Majesty shall think it worth your nottice to call him, on any occasion when these matters come in consideration, for your Majesty may certanly beleeve, that many hurtfull things are and will be advanced and proposed concerning judicaturs offices, persones, yea and evn lawes, which will be as death in the pott of the vnion mixed with the wholsom ingredients, such precautions or nottices as occurred to me I have, and from tyme to tyme will inform him therof, that the laying of them befor your Majesty may at least expose them to your royall judgment, and with all submission to better information. If others had not the opinion, yea many others of him, as to knowledge both in our lawes and constitutions, and of his honesty and fidelity, I had chosen another to cary these rather then one of whom I might have partiall judgment; but his weel known character, tho' in a low station, incouradged me to adventur him as such, and humbly to recomend him to your Majesty's nottice in so farr as he shall be found worthy of it, and to the justice in some claime as to himself; which he is in humility to lay befor your Majesty. I leave that to your Majesty's unmoveable justice. If this may introduce him to a hearing is what I

propose as to his privat interest. I shall conclud this too long letter, (for which I most humbly begg your Majesty's gratious pardon,) with thus much further of my first mentioned purpose, that I never could sink my self in that called party faction, for that I am sure is inconsistant with acting in affairs, with true security to my Queen, or intire honesty in my self, unless I can suppose a complex state faction, all to be of intire honor and truth, yett there is nether head nor person in any faction or clubb who hath more sincere fidelity, affection, zeall, and constancy to your royall person, family, and interest, and with less of self design ether as to wealth or vanity then he hath who is, till death,

Your Majestie's most humble obedient and most humble
subject and servant,

CROMERTIE.

To the Queen.

228. From ARCHIBALD COCKBURN [younger of Langton ?].
1st September 1709.

DEAR SIR J.,—Never did an army gain so much honour as ours has yesterday. The 29, M. Villars's army appear'd within a league of ours, with positive instructions, as he gave out, to give us battle or releave Mons. We immediately decamp'd and form'd in order of battle, within cannon shott of them. But our genaralls, upon vieuing the vast advantage they had by the strenth of their camp, thought it seaffer to delay two days, till we were join'd by 40 battalions that were on theire march from Tourny. 'Tis scairce to be beleev'd what works the French made these two nights, to strenthen a camp that little need'd it. They had stretched their front alongst the skirts of a verry thik wood interrupt'd only towards the center by a plain of near a quarter of a mile in breadth; this they cutt with a trench not in a line with

their front, but so as to flank us from the wood, in case we attak'd them there, which, with their battereis, made it inpracticable till we should gain the wood, either upon right or left, and then it remain'd to be disputed by the cavalry, whilst their army might forme a safe retreat, it being the only way our horse could pursen them, without a great circuit or defilie alongst the wood ; not content to cover themselves with a trench, which they runn in angels, they made traverses and coupeurs besids within mu[s]ket shott of their trench. Their were a great manny ditches and hedges that broke and retard'd our line as it advanced to the attak. The night before the battle, the regiments that contineu'd the blokade of Mons took St. Gilen [Ghislain], a place, without which, we could have but one attak upon the town. The next morning, at an half hour after 7, the cannon upon both sides began to play, and an hour after, from right to left, we made a gennerall attak upon the wood, the Imperialists upon the right, the Dutch upon the left, and the English, some upon that part of the wood that was nearest the plain upon our right, the rest were desin'd for their trench in the plain, in case they desin'd to disspute it after we were masters of the wood. Our two battallions weare of these. The English were the first that carry'd their attak, and help'd the Germans to beat the ennimy quit out of that side of the wood. Immediatly we, that were desin'd for it, march'd to the plain, but they abandon'd their trench least they should be flanked by our troups that now had lin'd the skirts of the wood that faced the plain, but hier we were oblidged to wait till our horse should come up, for theirs cover'd all the opposite side of the plain. We were not so successful on the left, for, when after a great many repulses, and with great losse, we had beat them from most of their intrenchments, they made a vigorous sally, nalled six of our cannon, took several stands of colours, and killed our wound'd. In the mean time, in the plain, I was wittness to the noblest shean that ever was act'd, for when our cavalry had form'd, they

fought at least two hours so near us, that we could see them oft single out one another. Att last we carry'd it upon the left to. And Villars, from whom we were expecting some thing verry rash, seems to have made his principall disposition for a hansome retreat, which he has done, and carry'd of several of his wound'd. The action last'd 7 hours. Judge from that the strenth of their ground, besides they had 30 battallions in the fild more than we had. If we gett a pass upon the Scheld, we shall beseadge Douay, if not, we most continen before Mons. Our loss can not be under 15,000 men, a great many generalls and field officers; we have severall regiments so shatter'd they must goe to guarrisson. My Lord Tillibarden is killed. Our battalion has lost an officer and 70 and one wound'd. We have taken 22 peace of cannon. I long extreamly to hear from you how my mother keeps her health, and Geordy what successes he has had, how all friends are, espetially att Roystown and Prestownhall. Pray give my duty to my mother, and service to all friends. I have often occassion to reflect upon the keind reception I mett with in Scotland. I writ to you about six weeks agoe, when our regiment was reliv'd from the siedge of Tourny, and asked you if you would have the 200 p[ounds] remitt'd to England, and to whom, because it would be cheaper. But if I doe not gett an answer shoon, I will remitt to Scotland. I expect'd to have heard from you, espetially about your plea, for which I am verry anctious, befor you could gett mine.

I am, entirly yours,

AR. COCKBURN.

From the field of B(attle),[1] September 1, 1709, O.S.

[1] This was the battle of Malplaquet or Mons, in which John Marquis of Tullibardine, who was colonel of a regiment of the States of Holland, was killed.

229. James Second Duke of Queensberry to Lord Royston.

Whitehall, July 22, 1710.

My Lord,—I have, by this post, sent you the Queen's Commission to succeed the Lord Grange, (whom her Majesty has been pleas'd to make Justice Clerk,) as Lord of the Justiciary. But as it is said the late Justice Clerk intends to dispute her Majesty's power of depriving him, it is the Queen's pleasure that your commission shall not take place till the other matter be adjusted. I wish you joy very heartily upon this occasion, and shall be very glad of any other opportunity of assuring you that I am,

My Lord, your Lordship's most humble servant,

Queensberry.

To the right honorable the Lord Royston, one of the Senators of the College of Justice in Scotland.

230. John Earl of Mar to the Same.

Whythall, Julie 22d, 1710.

My Lord,—I hope I may vish you joie of succeeding to my brother's place in the Justiciary. We are told here that Ormistone will not alow of the Queen's power of laying him aside, tho it is expressly contean'd in his patent, but I can hardly belive he will have that assurance; however, if he has, I hope your Lordship will not take it amiss that your comission be not past, nor given out, til you see the other alow'd of Lord Ilay. You and my brother will easily adjust this. I hope I need not take up much of your time in assureing you of my friendshipe, and of all the service lyes in my

power, since both relation and inclination oblidge me to it, and you shall alwayes find it so from,

My Lord, your Lordship's most affectionat cousin and most humble servant,

MAR.

To the Lord Roistone, att Edinburgh.

231-260. THIRTY LETTERS from ANNE DUCHESS OF BUCCLEUCH AND MONMOUTH to SIR JAMES MACKENZIE, LORD ROYSTON.[1]

London, Dec. 30, 1710.

MY LORD,—I doubt not but that you have received, before this, the account my Lord Cromertie promised to give you of Walter Laing's malicious accusation of Sir William Calderwood. I know, when your Lordship wrett to me on his behalff, you could not then have heard of it. I find folly is a good antidote to prevent the effects of malice. Sure I am, ther was never a stronger composition of thos two ingredientts then he cram'd in to a letter to me, and in one to Robinson, which my Lord Cromertie and my Lord Northesk has seen; but wee, having all three the same oppinion of Sir William wee had before, have voted him still an honest man. As for Walter Laing, if ever he expects any countinence from me, it must be by confessing who sett him on to say so manie falce things, and who informed him that Sir William had made me displeased with him by misrepresenting him, and questining his honesty, as he says, tho' Sir William did never speak one ill word of him, nor of Mr. Somervell, who is troubled with the disease of suspicion also. I can not but think some person, out of ill will to me, has made thes divisions amongest thos I employ in my affairs. For God's sack, do not think me mad

[1] From the Originals belonging to His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, K.G.

for giving you all this troubll about my concearns: it is chiefly to lett you know why I do not comply with your proposall about Walter Laing, which I would not have disaproved off before I knew so much of him. My Lord Cromertie comands you to excuss this long letter from,

My Lord, your Lordship's humbll servant,

Buccleuch

232. The SAME to the SAME.

London, March 29, 1711.

MY LORD,—I think it verie fortunatt for me that you go your circuett to the south. I only wish I could have been my self at Hawick to make you welcom. I am verie well satisfeed with what your Lordship proposes concearning Mr. Innes, and the maner of settling his sallary, which shall so be don. I did wrett to Sir William Calderwood wher I thought would be the fittest room in Dalkeith for Mr. Innes to lodge in. His beeing in the hows will be more convenient for him, and better for my service. His authority will prevent any insults from disorderly people. Now, for God's sack, my Lord, gett a decrett to pass in the Sesion against long letters and compliments, elce you will be tormented by me, for I find my self so inclined to wrett this paper all over with thanks to you for the pains you are at in my busines, that hereaffter nothing less then the law of the land will prevent me: but at present, shall say no more but that I am,

My Lord, your most humbll servant,

BUCCLEUCH.

233. The SAME to the SAME.

London, October the 2d, 1712.

MY LORD,—Since, for ought I know, my Lord your father is gon North, I derectt non of this post's letters to him. I do intirlly depend upon your frindship to me, which ocations you all this troubll. If my Lord Cromerty be not in town, nor Lord Northesk, I desir that only your self, Lord Poltoun, and Mr. M'Leod, may consider what is proper for me to do in this troublsome busines of Robinson's accounts; for should any of his friends know of the strick inquairey I desir to make, I dare say ther would be no cost nor pains spaired to conceall whatever is amiss in them. What I have wrett to my Lord Cromertie as to Robinson's ballance, ocationed by his laying out his money, as he alledges, for my service, is worthy the consideration of lawyers. The choice of them I leve absulutly to you. I only can think of the Advocatt and Sir Walter Pringall, who, I belive, has no great coraspondence with Robinson, but if ther is any objection to either of thes, or both, I agree to it. I forgot to tell Lord Cromertie that I am informed Robinson tells evrie body he is much in his Lordship's favour, which I dare say is fare from the truth; his Lordship beeing ever for thos who are woronged, as I am sure he sees I am by this unjust steward, who has not forgot to gett himself friends of the unrightus Mamon. I dar say he needs naither beg nor dig. My Lord, for further particulars I refear you to the inclosed memoriall, and shall only add that I am,

My Lord, your humbll servant,

BUCCLEUCH.

For my Lord Royston.

234. The SAME to the SAME.

London, 6th April, 1714.

MY LORDS,—Your regard for those religious meetings of the Church of England that are setting up amongst you, and your recommending to me the

contributing towards the support of that at Dalkeith, and encouraging Mr. Fowlis, their Episcopal minister, does occasion your Lordships this trouble to cause an impartial enquiry to be made what contributions or encouragement Mr. Fowlis may at present have from his congregation, and what may be further needful for me to give: and then, upon his giving testimony of his affection to the Queen and civil government, and on his and his people's behaving themselves quietly and peaceably towards others, I shall willingly contribute to the minister's encouragement and the upholding his congregation, and refer it to, and will acquiesce in, your Lordships ordering Innes, my Chamberlain, what and how to give it him from time to time, during the pleasure of,

My Lords, your Lordships' obliged humble servant,

BUCCLEUCH.

To the right honourable the Earl of Cromertie and Lord Royston, Edinburgh.

235. ANNE DUCHESS OF BUCCLEUCH to LORD ROYSTON.

London, September 16th, 1718.

MY LORD,—Yours of the 2d and 5th I received. Mr. Leslie made my excuse last post to you. According to your desire, I sent the commission for Walter Laing, but I must repeat to your Lordship what I before insisted on, that no chamberlain shall farm any more than is necessary for his house keeping where he resides. Walter Laing has sevrall in his hands, that I know off, as Steniswater in Melvill's charge, Branxholm in Falnashes' charge, that of Mosstwer and Clefthope in Lidsdale, which he was rentalled for this year. These, or any other he may have, he must quit, or his commission is void. As to that memorial of Scott of Crumhaugh, I did formerly desire a more exact information of all particulars than that expresses: I must desire your Lordship

to cause make a full enquiry of that matter, and give me your advice. I am, your Lordship's most humbll servant,

A. B. C.

My Lord, I have ever found the best gentlemen to be the worst tenants, for which reason I have of late excluded all such, as well as the chamberlains. Whoever told you I should imploy none in my service but gentlemen of interest in the coentry, told you ther mind, but not mine, and I desire to think for myselff; which thoughts I will ever freely communicate to your Lordship.

For my Lord Royston.

236. The SAME to the SAME.

London, February the 23, 1719-20.

MY LORD,—I belive my Lord De Lorain's way of proceeding might be a greater surprise to my freinds in Scotland then it was to myselff. The history would be to long to troubll you with now. All I shall say is, that I must defend my selff as well as I can, and I do think I do not want weapons. I would not blame any person for demanding what is due to them, but this I am sure of, ther never was a law against decency and good maners; so his Lordship would have lost nothing by treating his mother the ordinary way in thes casses, by giving his clame first to me by a massage, since it is allmost a year that he has not beene in my hows. He is now acting the old Scotts proverb, 'ens wod an' ey the war.' He has had twenty four thousand pound in money from me, and, since I lefft Scottland, building and furnshing his hows at Leadwell has cost me upwards of nine thousand pownd. I sopos he dos this to give me opertunity of exersising a noball quaility called patience. However, I must not weary yours to much by adding more words to this. I am, your Lordship's most humbll servant,

BUCCLEUCH.

237. Anne Duchess of Buccleuch to Lord Royston.

London, 2d February [1720].

My Lord,—I belive few people in the worald has ther time at ther own command, but in this town I am sure non has; otherways I had wrett to you som weeks befor this, to inform you of a most agreeable undertaking I am about, which is, to see my Lord Dalkeith marid to his own satisfaction and all the frinds he has in this kindom. It is to the Duke of Dugllas sister, Lady Jean, whom I had heard much comended before I saw her, and since that, she has lost no ground with me. I think her person verie agreeabll, and my great projectt of having my grand son no stranger to his own country is in all liklyhood not to be disapointed by marying a Scotts lady. Tho' I have lived the greatest part of my life in England, you see I am not croupted so as to love any part of the worald so well as my native country. The Scotts hart is the same I brought to England, and will never chang, as I find by long expirience; nor shall my obligations to you ever be forgoten by, my Lord, your most humbll servant,

A. B. C.

Pray excuss thes blotts, I urett in hast.

For my Lord Royston.

238. The Same to the Same.

London, March the 4th [*c.* 1720].

My Lord,—Mr. Somervill has acquainted you with my disapointment in the marage of my grandson. Her nobll Grace of Queensbury I imput it to, becaws she has the same fait which some others has in this worald, more powr then th[e]y deserve. If you are so good as to go to Hawick, this land setting, I hope that good aire will agree with you; otherways I

would willingly stand by the loss I shall sustain by your absence. Lest I should be troublsom to you, I have of late wrett seldomer then usswell. I am, my Lord, your most humbll servant,

For my Lord Royston.

239. The SAME to the SAME.

[*c.* March 1720.]

MY LORD,—In my last I answred your Lordship as to what you wrote concearning Lord De Lorain's most wise and comendable proceeding. I have allready retain'd Mr. Kennedie and Mr. Dundass. As to my Lord Traquair's busines I have nothing to say, becaws I know you will do what is proper. I finde no tenant is yit got for R[obert] Barr's farm. I wish to know whither it be better for that and the coal works to be lett together; and how I shall be pay'd his arrears due to me. I hope you aprove of my Lord Dalkeith's intended marage with the Duke of Queensbury's sister, Lady Jean; my last letter was to long to aske this question. You represent your father in taking so much pains in my concearns. God reward you. Fairwell.

For my Lord Royston.

240. The SAME to the SAME.

London, May 30 [*c.* 1720].

MY LORD,—I knew not of your return to Edinburgh till Mr. Dongworth informed me with the post of yisterday. Ther cam also the memorill concerning the honours and estate of my familly. I am not wise enough to say more of that matter, but will as soon as I can send the answre of

ther oppinion here about it. As I think all affairs are best in few hands, so this is to be seen by none but Mr. Hamiltoun and Mr. Lesley, who are acquainted with all already, and was unavoidablly so, upon the account of the Pearage Bill, for you must know the exalent Earl of Ialy was pleased to search all the records to find in what maner my tittles wer settled, to shew his grace and favour to Lord De Lorin, and waint about to the wholl Hows of Pears telling them Harry would be Duke of Buccleuch, if Frances had not hairs male, so ther was a nessetty for this inquirey. As for desiring an act of Parliament, it's not proper, and since the vinion it cannot be don, and all I desir to know is what may fall out in all events and I shall rest contented, as knowing, as it is, so it must remain. God bliss Franscis, and give him sones and no daughters. Forgive this long letter, and belive non can wish you more happynes then I do. I am, my Lord, your Lordship's most humbll servant,

BUCCLEUCH.

241. ANNE DUCHESS OF BUCCLEUCH to LORD ROYSTON.

London, June the 11th [*c.* 1720].

MY LORD,—I belive in a few days I shall be ablle to send Mr. Hamilton's opinion concearning my titles. The inquisitive Lord I mention'd I find was but half informed of that busines, for some of the papers wer in my charter roome relating to it. I am glade anything in my garding was fitt for you, and I do earnestly desir you to use all in it as freely as you do at Royston. I hope to see [you] in both places befor I dey. But should that wish never com to pass, may my Lord be a freind to my children as you have, and your father and wankall been, to my Lord, your Lordship's most humbll servant,

BUCCLEUCH.

242. The SAME to the SAME.

Chelsea, September 15 [*c.* 1720].

MY LORD,—When I last wrett to you to thank you for accepting of a new troubll in my affairs, I did not forsee any new dificulty could arise in that matter; but since Mr. Somervill has wrett to Mr. Le[s]lly, as if ther wer som doubt whither I can transactt with my Lord Rothes' or not, till ther be a determenation in my Lord De Loran's debatt, that is to say, if the excutury be, as he alages, in his person, notwithstanding all I have already pay'd to him. I am verie well content with Lord Rothes' choiss of Lord Neuhall, but what I desir of your Lordship, is, that you would directt a consultation of the advocat and any other lawyer you think proper, first, to determin if I can settle this mater or not; for if it depends not on me, I have no more to say: it must take its fait. However I must intreat you that ther may be as litll noise of it as can be, wheir so many are to be advised with; but I know your Lordship will not wonder that I am desirous to have all doubts clear'd; befor any farther progress be made in the matter. I know that I am not to ask you nor Lord Neuhall any questions, becaws you are owr judges, but sure, as you are mortall men, you may conferr with each other about any subjectt you pleas. I will not tire you with s[a]ying all I have to say at one time.—I am your Lordship's mostt humbll servant,

A. B. C.

243. The SAME to the SAME.

London, Jully the 30th, 1724.

MY LORD,—I wrett so latly to you of my unlucky debts,—I call it myne, becaws I lend Lord Dalkeith the money to pay them,—so I shall say no more

of that matter, but that I will not lay out more money about this present work at Dalkeith then I needs must to finish the stars, tho' I would willingly see sevrall drawghts for the courts, and also know what the expence will be, which I may take time to think off. Your Lordship is in the right to think I do not wonder at the stops Colburn meets with in the mesurs of the stars. I know old walls are seldom even: so long as it can be remeaded wee must have patience. The only inconven[i]ence is retarding the work, which maks it more expensive. Without being a Highlander, I belive I should think the Hills of Liddisdale as plesent as your Lordship did; for I really long to be in Scotland again, to tell you by word of mouth how much I am, my Lord, your Lordship's most humbll servant,

BUCCLEUCH.

For my Lord Royston.

244. ANNE DUCHESS OF BUCCLEUCH to LORD ROYSTON.

London, November the 19th.

MY LORD,—I am much oblidged to you for going to Dalkeith to see how the work goes, and I assure you, your seeming to aprove of it incurages me much; for I belive your skill is suffecent to judge of it, tho' it is not quitt finished. Meeburn is not a right Englishman, if he is not in hast to return. But for myself, I can assur your Lordship, that that which you wer so kind as to miss should not be much longer absent, but ther to recive you with most heartie wellcom. I do belive my own Gibb a verie skilfull man by the drawght he has sent me, only the Bridg is much to narow as will be shown him this post, all the other proposals are mightyly to be aproved of. If thos trees in the nurcrys has not stood to long, it will lessen the expence of planting the avenew verie much, and make a fine appeerance. I shall be verie glade to oblidge the Marqus of Anendale with some deer, now I have so many to

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My Lord

I know by experience your Lo^ps friendships to me therfor I am sure you will regreat the affiction I have for my Grand Dawghter Lady Dalkeiths Death who deyd on Sunday morning of the small poss at Langly I must say she was as good a young womon as ever I knew in all my life I never saw any one thing in her that I could wish wer otherways she had two Sons and three Dawghters all living and fine Children I shall allways be to your Lo^ps a most sencear and most humble servant

Buccleuch

spear: but if you loved venison, sure you would eat it offtner, and remember my Lord, your most oblidged and humbll servant,

A. B. C.

Lady Dalkeith, on Munday last, (my grand daughter,) was brought to bed of a daughter.

For my Lord Royston.

245. The SAME to the SAME.

September the 4th [1729].

MY LORD,—I know by experience your Lordship's friendship to me, therfor I am sure you will regreat the affliction I have for my grand daughter, Lady Dalkeith's death, who deyd on Sunday morning of the small pox, at Langly. I must say she was as good a young womon as ever I knew in all my life. I never saw any one thing in her that I could wish wer otherways. She had two sons and three dawghters, all living, and fine children. I shall allways be to your Lordship a most sencear and most humbll servant,

BUCCLEUCH.

246. The SAME to the SAME.

London, March 11th [no year].

MY LORD,—The comision that was sent here for a Clerk for the Regality of Muslebrugh is, before this time, I soposs, arived. If the person of Yarow be of such a turblant spritt, we should preach patience to him, and justice; for it appears he wants both, otherways he would not covitt his nibour's grass, nor take upon him to adviss turning owt a tenant to pleas him. Mr. Somervill has given intimation that your Lordship will be so good [as] to be at land setting, which is a great good fortun for me. I have much

reason to thank you for manie good deads don to, my Lord, your most humbll servant,

A. B. C.

247. Anne Duchess of Buccleuch to Lord Royston.

London, August the 5th.

My Lord,—It is not strang that I put intire confedence in you affter all the trubll you have ben so good to be at upon my account. I dare say you have not yit found the act of Parliment which Lord Ielly asserted was made at my marage with the Duke of Monmouth: so, till that act is found, wee shall have no lead. I hope wee shall get a good schoolmaster for Dalkeith: it is not only for the good of the town, but of great concequence to the young men. I do not know if Gererson's accounts has been taken in. I hope your Lordship will ordar it may be don. I am your Lordship's most humbll servant,

A. B. C.

For my Lord Royston.

248. The Same to the Same.

London, February the 10th.

My Lord,—I am informed by Lord Northesk that you wer both at Dalkeith and Eastpark, uhich I thank you for. Since I am to have a memoriall about som things ther, I will not troubll you with my thoughts, tho' I have urett a llittll of them to him, for fear he would be gon to Eithe befor I give a full answer to the promis'd memoriall. I have heard nothing from the Master of Ross: your Lordship answred him verie well. I did not make return to your last, as soposing I should soon have ocation to urett to you. As for Walter Laing, if he behaves him self, as you expectt from him, he needs not troubll himself with any body's mallice against him. I did expectt a litll of that would apear. Now young Todrik would accept of the office at Ecford,

with a proposall of a small aditi[o]nall salary upon the account he woud overlook the woods, which I am informed he understands verie well. Lett me know your mind about him. Mr. Pringll, I find, is his great frieind, who desirs to have the mill sett to him at Neuark in Ettrick Forest, which he says his brother kept in his hand only till he could get a good tenentt. I did say I had not allways found gentlemen the best tenants; but I would inquir in what maner it was ordred formarly. Excuss this long letter, beeing in such hast that I wish it is not all nonsence, tho' I am sure som of it is. I am for ever your Lordship's most oblidged humbll servant,

A. B. C.

249. The SAME to the SAME.

London, August 25th.

MY LORD,—I am glade the purches of Gillmanscleuch is finished, for it is a great happynes rather to be buying then selling land, which I wass affray'd of late must have been my faitt, becaws of borowing so much upon Lord Dalkeith's account. When I was in Scotland, Newark was the best in repair of any hows I had: I am sorry to hear it is so much decay'd. Since your Lordship approves of it, I am willing Walter Laing should have a lease of this neu purchas. The Marquis of Lothian's commision is gon, but I wonder at it my self. I take it verie ill that your Lordship thanks me for a buck, when you know you may comand as many as you pleas. Sir William Gordon sayd he would go with you to Dalkeith, and give me an account. I am affray'd I shall see him before I see you. I wish to see my own cuntrey, but wishes will not convay me, tho' a coach and six horses could do it bravely. I am your Lordship's most humbll servant,

A. B. C.

For my Lord Royston, att Murthli, to the care of Mr. Mark Wood, Parth.

250. Anne Duchess of Buccleuch to Lord Royston.

London, March the 18th.

My Lord,—The greatest compliment I can return to you must be in your own Scots saying, that I do find you do equall your forbeers in your frindship to me, as well as many other quaillitys, which would make this letter to long for one who has not nesed a pen since my late illnes till now. I hope young Whitechester will be, as I am, to you and yours a most humbll servant,

A. B. C.

251. The Same to the Same.

London, February 21st.

My Lord,—I have spokn with the Advocatt, as you advised me. If lead will turn to account and produce gowld and silver, I shall admire projects from this time forward. I do not understand anie thing of it, for which reason I will say nothing of it; but since you aprove of it, I shall think the better of the busines. Your Lordship judges right—Lord Dalkeith dos not abound in welth, but quite contra[r]y. I wish I may live to see Scotland, and to return you a multitud of thanks for all the trubll you are at upon my account. I am your Lordship's most oblidged humbll servant,

A. B. C.

252. The Same to the Same.

London, August 14th.

My Lord,—By yours of the 6th, I find you are resolved to purches half Scotland. I own it will be for my cridet, when I am dead, that I have improved my esteat, and that I have made chois of so good a friend to relly on, whos frindshipe I absulutly depend on. I am verie glade your Lordship aproves of

My Lord

the greatest compliment I can return to you must be in your own scots saying, that I do find you do equall your forbeers in your frindship to me as well as many other quaillitys which would make this letter to long for one who has not uesed a pen since my late illnes till now, I hope young Whitechester will be as I am, to you and yours a most

humbll servant

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London
March 18

Mr. Somervill's transactions, whom I think well deservs comendation. When I am quitt out of debt, I shall think myself oblidged to take particular notice of his managment. Few can furnish St. Boswel's faire with sheep better then I can; but after this be not temp[t]ed to purches more, till I am out of debt. I am, my Lord, your Lordship's most oblidged humbll servant,

A. B. C.

253. The SAME to the SAME.

London, March the 2d.

MY LORD,—I am much oblidged to you for having regard to any recomendation of mine, and am impatient, with many others, to see how this odd affair will end. Your Lordship says in your last letter you will soon lett me know your oppinion concerning the purches of Stonihill. I fear I have not exprest myself right about that matter, since my intention is not to meddll with the hows nor gardins, which are not of use to me, besids much over ratted. But for Munton Hall I am verie desirous of it, becaws it is so near East Park; and I having sould out all I had in the stoks of Southsea and Bank, which, tho' no great sume, yit will inablle me to make purches of part of Sir James Sharp's estat, if he is not unreasonablI in his demand as to the price, which I leve absulutly to your Lordship's iudgment. I am really grown covettus to incress my land in that part of dear Scotland. I wish your Lordship all maner of happynes, and am your much oblidged and humbll servant,

A. B. C.

For my Lord Royston.

254. The SAME to the SAME.

London, December 14th.

MY LORD,—I am verie glade of the good account your letter of yisterday brought me. Tho' it is a melancoly victory against a son, yit I own I am much

sencabll that the worald will see I have not been a wicked parrant. Now, my Lord, I must desir you to be at so much troubll for me, to see one thing parformed, which is, that my lawyers are rewarded as th[e]y should be. You know better than I do how to derectt it. Just as I was reading your letter yisterday, Mr. Fraser cam to see me. If he has not been considred allready, pray advise what will be proper for me to give him, which may be don now he is here. I am afrayd Lord Ilay is growing to be good. Justice is a good quaility. You must not be troubl'd with to long a letter. I did ordar Mr. Leslie to answer Mr. Somervill about the Chamberlain for Dalkeith, the Beally can well advise whom. I am a stranger to both.—I am, your Lordship's most humbll servant.

255. Anne Duchess of Buccleuch to Lord Royston.

Chelsea, August 12th.

My Lord,—You incress your obligations by the ready consent you have given to my desire. The two Lords you mention are both my freinds, and I belive they will be no less so for my making this agreement with Lord Rothes. Setting your modesty asside, I will trust your skill as soone as you are fully informed of this busines, which is composed of sevrall articells, and has been begune many years since. My intention is to see Scotland againe, and bring my young familly with me, if it pleas God I live; but if I dye soon, Francis must go, who I hope will finde the same ffrindshipe from you your Lordship has allways shown to, my Lord, your most oblidged humbll servant,

A. B. C.

256. The Same to the Same.

London, March the 11th.

My Lord,—I find by yours of the 10 you are to go to the land setting, which I am extreamly glad off. Both Lord Dalkeith and myself are verie much in

arears. Lord Wemys cam to town on Saturday: I have not yit seen him. Charters was most unjustly condemed, so will be pardon'd. Could I flie, (as som ladys has don,) I would be at Hawck to do the honours of the hows to your Lordship, whos most humbll searvant I am,

A. B. C.

For my Lord Royston.

257. The SAME to the SAME.

London, March the first.

MY LORD,—Yours of the 13 of last month Mr. Leslie answred for me, I beeing then so opprestt with a could in my head, I could not wrett nor allmost see, and am still in a blind condition. Houever, with great deficulty, last post I made shift to wrett to Mr. Somervill to comunicat to your Lordship my designe of the purchass of Murace. I own to your Lordship I have never sett my heart on any thing of this sortt so much, and, should I loose this opertunity, parhaps my great grand child may never have it in his powr. You see I am, as I was born, a Scotts woman. I shall say no more till I hear what you think of Mr. Hamilton's letter. I am heartily sorry that you are not to be at the land setting. You know what faith I have of your derection and advice. I wish you all the happynes your heart desires.—I am, my Lord, your humbll servant,

A. B. C.

For my Lord Royston.

258. The SAME to the SAME.

London, January the 15

MY LORD,—Yours of the 6th I have, and must again repeat what I say'd before; that I do leve it to your Lordship who shall be Chambrlain at

Dalkeith, all the candatates being strangers to me. Mr. Dougles was to hasty in settling his affairs before he had his commision. Before this time your Lordship will have a memorandem of what I have given Lord De Lorine. It was an oversight in me not having sent it long since to my friends in Scotland; so the only reason of my doing it now is, that it may appear I was not a verie ill mother to this most excelant son. I thank you for the happy years you wish me, and shall be glade to live long enough to be thankfull for all the obligations I have to your Lordship, whos most humbll servant I am,

A. B. C.

259. Anne Duchess of Buccleuch to Lord Royston.

London, May the 23.

My Lord,—I must begine this with answring the last paragrave of your letter, which is so verie oblidging to me and all my generation, that thanks is not enough to return—nothing less than blissings will be proper. I shall now tell your Lordship why I tooke the resulution of borowing no more till, (as you say,) old scors are clear'd, which has ocationed Dalkeith to be in my debt so great a sume, which I can dispose of whair I think fitt at my death. Now, if Mr. Somervill keeps his promis, this great debt is allmost clear'd, (and if so,) you shall be obay'd. I must tell you I have observed your poloce. Tho' you say what t[h]e rentt is of this estate in the Forrest which Harden will sell, yit you have not sayd what the purchas will cost, for fear of frighting me. However, I own I long, (that is Inglish,) but I green, (that's Scotts,) to hear more of this proposell, since either in the south, or about Dalkeith, I am happy to purchas. I thank your Lordship for buying that peece of grownd at Hauick. 'Tis most convenent for me of anie thing belonging to that littll howse. You are not positive enough in your advice concerning another minister at Dalkeith.

I know you hate long letters. Thanks is a shorter word than the name of your Lordship's most humbll servant.

260. The Same to the Same.

London, December the 3d.

My Lord,—I have two of yours to answer, that of the 24 and 26 of last month ; and as I think it woud be inconvenent to delay having a Chambrlain, I send by this post the commision for Mr. Charles Scott, brother to Gorinberie. His father was my acquentence, and I am much inclined to love children for the sake of ther parrents : so by this rewall I have a dubll ty to be your Lordship's humbll servant. I wish I knew more destinkly how th[e]y propos the purchas of that esteat of Harden, and which way I am able to answer a new debt befor I have clear'd others. I sopos Mr. Somervill has made his accounts by this time, tho' I have not been as yit informed that he has don it.—I am, my Lord, your Lordship's most humbll servant,

A. B. C.

For my Lord Royston.

261. David Third Earl of Wemyss to [Sir James Mackenzie, Lord Royston].

January 22d, 1718.

My Lord,—Indeed I had not put Sir William Scott to the trouble of asking these pictures of mine in your Lordship's custody, had not he been the person employ'd by my Lady Royston, (when my Lord Cromerty's warrand was show'd her to send them me,) to ask, as a favour, they might continue att Royston a few months, untill she provid'd other ones in there places ; which I very easylie granted to her Ladyship. If your Lordship wants to see your

father's order, it will but cost me some pains to look it out, for I can in noe wayes part with these pictures.—I am,

My Lord, your Lordship's most humble servant,

WEMYSS.

262. JOHN SIXTH EARL OF WIGTON to THOMAS DRUMMOND of Logiealmond.

Combernald, April 11th, 1720.

DEAR LOGIE,—I write this with the melancholy account of my wife's death, which was on the second of the moneth. My grief and concern I'm not capable of expressing, since I lost what was dearest to me in the world, and my only comfort and suport in all my troubles and misfortunes. She desir'd me to acquaint you of the time of her buriall, and to desir you to be wittness to it, which is to be on Wensday the twentieth instant; soe I most intreat you to be here on Teusday before, which will very much oblige me. I have write likeuays to your brother, which, if he be not with you, you'l pleas send to him. I design'd it sooner, but that the Passion week I would by no means have, it being her desire to have it as private and decently as could conveniently be got done.—I ever am, with great sincerite, your faithfull friend and obedient humble servant,

WIGTOUNE.

I beg you'l give my most humble service to your Lady.

263. JOHN SIXTH EARL OF WIGTON to WILLIAM DRUMMOND [brother to Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond].

Combernald, Aprill 11th, 1720.

I HOPE my good friend William Drummond will excuse the trouble I give him of coming here, at so melancholy a time, to attend the funerals of my wife

on the twentieth instant, it being her desir I should desir you to be present. I'm in such trouble when I reflect of my loss, that I neither knew what to say or doe; for I'm sure non ever was hapier as I whilst she was mine. Soe I expect you here with your brother the Teusday before, to goe the lenth of Bigger, which will ever oblige your faithfull friend and most obedient humble servant,

WIGTOUNE.

264. DAVID DRUMMOND, Edinburgh, to THOMAS DRUMMOND of Logiealmond.

Edinburgh, April 18th, 1720.

SIR,—I send this express to acquaint yow that the 6th instant my Lord Perth dyed, and was burried the 9th, in the chappel of the Scots Colledge at Paris. It was what was dayly expected. Bot this afternoon I was sur prysed to hear that my Lady and her two sones were gone to Franse. I did not beleive it; bot haveing made inquyry for Mr. Thomas Creichton, quhen found, he told me that Saterday last they went aboard at Newhaven, quhere they had been from Thursday's night to that time. The poor man neither knows the skipper's name nor the ship's name. Mr. Carnegy, the preist, is with her: who else I could not learn. I doubt not bot this will find yow and youre brother at Cumernauld, and I believe yow will find it necessar, after yow have performed the last duty to that good Lady, to come in to Edinburgh and take advyce what is to be done. I have desyred the bearer to goe to Blaire, if he be not with yow, that he may meet yow and youre brother heire. If yow have so much time as to write a line to him, it will not be amiss. This, with my humble service to the good Earl of Wigton, is all from,

Sir, your most humble servant,

D. DRUMMOND.

To the Laird of Logie Almond, at Cumbernald.

265. JOHN STEUART, afterwards third Baronet of Grandtully, to his brother, SIR GEORGE STEUART of Grandtully, Baronet.

Bruxels, September the 30th, N.S., 1721.

DEAR BROTHER,—I am very sensible and extremly bound to your kind concerne for me, which my present situation forces me to putt to yett a greater proof than formerly,—my happiness or misery being the alternative of your favorable or unfavorable answer. This strange odds can proceed from no less thane a violent passion of love; you'l naturaly expect, (as in duty I should give yow,) a very distinct account of the Lady [who] has thus captivat me. All I can tell yow, as to family and fortune she's a gentlewoman, with a competent share of mony suffitient to meintain her handsomely as such. Her other qualitys raizes many rivals: 'mougst others, one of eight hundred pounds a year by his posts, and of intrest, to be much better profided for. I am so lucky, (had I butt a moderat competence,) to be prefered by her to all others in houever great opulence. How far yow can contribute to that, I hav reason to hope yow will, and begs to know soon the fate of, dear brother,

Yours with affection and humble duty,

JO. STEUART.

I beg to hear from yow on receipt of this: and if by what ever motive, or accident, I shall be dissapointed in my hopes from your kindnes, destroy this, and I, in that case, conjure yow to secrecie, even with your Lady. Direct for me a l'Empereur sur la vieille Haloble, Bruxels. A Monsieur, Monsieur le Collonell Jean Stuart, a l'Empereur sur la vieille Haloble, Bruxelles.

To Sir George Steuart, Baronet.

266. The Honourable JOHN DRUMMOND, second son of James fourth Earl of Perth, to [THOMAS DRUMMOND of Logiealmond].

Drummond, July 31st, 1722.

SIR,—I do assure you the news of your mariage was most welcome to me from so good a hand as your own, and the choice you have made of so deserving a yong lady as Mistress Grezell Leslie,[1] I'm perswaded, will be approven by ev'ry body, as 'tis particularly by me. So soon as I hear the cerimonie is over, I shall be fond of wishing you both all the comfort and joy you can propose to your selves in that state. In the meantime, allow me to wish you all happiness, with an offer of my most humble service to the bride, which, as deliver'd by you, you'll make the more acceptable, and beleive me, with an unfain'd friendship, and true esteem and respect,

Sir, your most humble and most obedient servant, and
most affectionat cousin,

JOHN DRUMMOND.

267. LADY JEAN MACKENZIE, relict of Sir Thomas Steuart, Lord Balcaskie, to her son, SIR GEORGE STEUART of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 6th January 1729.

DEAR SONE,—Afeattr wising you a good neu year and meany of them, God be thanged for your perfet recovery. I could not heau beter neuess. I was very uenesy att you shoud a taken merewry; but you head betr judment then ous all. Pre God mack ous thangfull. I am glad Nany, ass you call

[1] Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond married the Honourable Grizel Leslie, daughter of David Leslie, second Lord Newark, and his wife, Elizabeth Steuart, daughter of Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully.

hear, is pleas'd with hear mantolong,—wis I head eny thing could bee of euess to hear. I am so litell in the world, I can geue litell newes. My Lord Garliss and Lady Catharin Cochoren is to be mared to mowrrow. Heary Clark was mared sume wicks agoe to on Lady Cears, a grand aunt to my Lord Oxfurd. Sche might weall bee his granmother. I thingk now you shoud mack him reteuren your mony hu so snekinly got from you. The suner you mack him pead it the beater. Hu and his Layd is gon to lieve att Dysard, wher thy ar to by a hows. The linen manafactory ner taks upe all the fien spiners. Many thangks for 2 botels of fine speieiss. Never was beater tiped, and the fatest gows I euer in my lif tes[t]ed. I alweay thoght yowr wyff an exelent houswyff, but nou she beters every day. I wod wirt much ofteur and longr leaters, but I kno tow this scrbill of myen much deficults you befor it's got read; but it's best the woman heas.—Belev me, my dear and beastt bearan, your pasunatly fond mothor tho' litell in my pour to sho it. God bliess you to your pour opresd mothr.

JE. STEWARTT.

To the much honord Sir Georg Stewartt of Garantily.

268. The SAME to the SAME.

Edinburgh, May 12th, 1729.

You [may] bellive I wase very much perplexd when I crosd the water, and not only so, but in danger of being lost, and nou it's hard upon me to geue you the truble aud expenc to dra upon you, tho' it bee att your desyer, but nececety heas no lawe. Tarbat deals hardly by mee. Tomorow I call an ajent, and to consult an advacat, God knos, on bourd mony. I am very ill. I houp I will not be forbied every bodie's houss a secund tieme. May you bee hapy and not trubld eny mor with an indjent mothor. I thoght my self

very shour of hyeding my selef in under their rewef in my hard feat, nou without mony or frinds. May you lieve long and well, is the hearty wiss of your much afflicted mothor,

JEAN STEWARTT.

I heau put tow men in houps of your excepted biell. I houp you'll send it sun, for fear thye thingk I tell a story. Judg whou ill I am when hardly abell to werit this.

To Sir Gorge Stewartt of Gearantliy, Pearth.

269. JOHN STEUART, afterwards third Baronet of Grandtully, to his brother, SIR GEORGE STEUART of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, March the 16th, 1729.

DEAR BROTHER,—I hav expected and long'd much to hear from yow since your last, wherin yow told me sister Steuart was much better; for I hav been told by many different people she is very ill still, which gives me concerne, you may belive; and the more the fatall date her ilness commenced from. I expected to hav had the pleasure of seing her and yow befor this, butt that our winter is like to hav no end, and, as I told yow in my last, I am to hav a very young fellow traveler with me, who had a severe brash, I suppose in teething, two days ago, but is perfectly well again. George has, as I wrote before, been in a languishing way for severall weeks past, and the skilled people all agreed had some heavy ilness on him, butt he has thes two days past taken his meat pretty well, and I think is in a good way, most of the bad symptoms having left him, without his ilness forming in any shape of small pox, or any of the terrible ilnesses wee aprehended. However, he is brought very lough. I am much of your opinion, that country air and a good nurse is better for him then doctors. I hav him at ass milck till he getts more

strenth. I hear Lady Steuart takes woman's milck. I wish the nurse may be a right one, and I'm convinced it's the best thing could hav been advised for her. Offer her my most humble service and best wishes, and belive me, dear brother, affectionatly yours whilst

JO. STEUART.

I hav thought of several ways of carying the bairne, such as on a horse befor a man, in a woman's armes on futt, or in creels on a horse, butt they perswade me non is so good as a wheel cariage, so you'l lett me hav your opinion, and sister Steuart's, who, I belive, knows more of that matter then yow or I, that I may be fully resolved on the methode, against the favorable weather.

I am some what disconcerted as to mony matters by a ridicolous fancy the people hav taken of my going abroad to Muscovy, or Lord knous wher they dispose of me, without the least fundation for the story; butt the belife of it makes them more importunate then they wood otherways be. I was yesterday at poor Collin Campbel's burial. I never knew a more distressed family. His Lady has not ane hour to rekon on, and in bad health, besides most of the children sick, and Sir James very ill of a cold. God help them. Lady Dick suppt last night with Lady Cunningham. Ther's all the harmony and good humore imaginable 'twixt the two familys. Lord Royston's leg hails apace, butt the strain has stopt him from his intended journy to Sir George M'Kinzie's election, who has nothing for it now butt prevailing on Catbol to qualify. There is nothing takt of hear but the Dutches of Queensberry's way of receving the mesage by the Vice Chamberlain discharging her the Court. She bid him tell them she recev'd the message with equal surprize and pleasore. She had never gon to Court butt to doe it honnor, and she belived they wood soon find it very thin of good company, when every thing was influenced by ane insolent and corrupt minister; that she had a better house to

retire to then their majestys had befor they came to England. He refused to carry this message, so very od, alledging it wood be imagined he added to it, on which she took pen and ink, and wrote and signd it, which he caryed. Ther's a poem wrote on her, which I shall send yow, per first, with the second part of the beggar's opera, when it comes, which yow know ocation'd this missunderstanding.

To Sir George Steuart, Baronet, to the care of Mark Wood, marchant in Perth.

270. Alexander M'Kenzie of Prestonhall, sometime Fraser of Fraserdale, to [Sir James Mackenzie, Lord Royston].

Aberdeen, 12 January 1729.

My Lord,—I was favoured with yours some time agoe in relation to my transaction with Boufort, and all I can say upon that mater on the roade while I am in a hurry, is, that in the first place I am very much oblidged to your Lordship for the great consern you express for me and my distressed family in yours; and it is what I ever did, and will expect. And, in the nixt place, I doe asure you that no Scotsman's advice will goe further with me on that, or any other mater, then yours will, and I promice you that you will not finde me backward in that mater, either in just or honourable terms, but then I thinck I may be easily pardoned for either saying or thinking that any who has to doe with my adverse party has as slippery a gripe, as he that has ane ile by the taile. And as to my preliminary, which, it seems, makes so much noice with you, I doe thinck it a reasonable one, and what he ought not to refuse, to convince me of his sincerity in the main afair, nor would I have asked it, nor insisted on it so strenuously, as I doe to this minute, were

it not that I had, and still have, not a groundles immagination that he projects by this treaty, once to get me by thorowly going into it, to loose some of my freends, and to disoblidge a great many others, and in that situation to drope me, and by that means to bring it about that those who at this day would at my desire, (had I freedom of conscience,) would with pleasere cut his throate, should with justice upbraid me with having undone my self, and ruined my family; for once I bleck paper in a submission vith him adue to looking backwards. I am told by my antogonist's freends that the preliminary I insist on is a natural and nesisary consequence upon the finishing and agreeing the main afair. First, I denye the position, for what we are to treat upon is, I presume, the estate of Lovitt. Now my preliminary is, that he shall quite all maner of pretensions to every thing that might have belonged to me before the faling of my single and liverent escheat, extrinsicke to the estate of Lovitt, and my goods, furniture, and catle of all kindes, found upon the said estate, all which I pass with him, so that nixt day after our treaty is finished with relation to the estate of Lovitt, and all ended as to that, he may commense a new claime upon what I may have right to extrinsincke to that estate; for, my Lord, I hope you will easily beleeve that I never will make any thing extrinsick to the estate of Lovitt, the subject of our communing, but I have one reason more for insisting strenuously on my preliminary, which is the reason I hinted before, that I have grounds to beleeve he only wants to bring me to show my readiness and willingness to accept of reasonable terms, and then to cut my taile, and make me foole of the play, which I must avoid if I can; though, at the same time, I doe declare to you upon honour, which I would wish to preserve, having nothing else to care for, that I am fully resolved and determined to end that mater upon fair and equall terms, and that no advice nor insinuations of any whatever shall alter that my resolutions, but then if I see by the backwardness or unnesisary bogling of the

party treater that he wants only to bring me into a buckardo, I am determined never to blecke paper on the subject. He has aquainted me by Dumbalock, that as each of us are to give full and ample powers to a freend of each side at Edinburgh, that Mr. Alexander McKleod is to be his man, whith whom I am well pleased; so I am to bege your Lordship will take the trouble of that mater on my parte, and as my freend. And seeing both of you are clear that that mater should come to a conclusion, and in my opinion the sooner the better, I doe thinck that if he refuses to signe my preliminary, at that very instant we are both to signe to you two a submission in the most ample terms it can be conseaved, it must be a plain indication to me that he is not in earnest, only has some byviews to my prejudice, which I must be allowed to indeavour to prevent. This is all I am capable of say on this subject in the hurry of my jurny homeward, and over a botle. Boufort will be at Edinburgh in a few days, so pray you cause John McKleod sound him one those points, that neither of us may have annesisary trouble, though at the same time I doe declare, by all that is good, I am forward to end that afair on equitable terms, so that when once you tryed, or caused trye his pulse, how far he is in earnest, if you finde him right, and that he is supported with credite shuch as he himself every day boasts of, and as Mr. John McKleod told me when he was north he had, then I shall be over to Edinburgh upon your call, only you must cause Charles McKenzie see to get me a supersiderie for 5 or 6 wicks from 3 or 4 people at Edinburgh who have diligence against me. I shall send him a particular note of them when it comes to that; meantime I think it is very hard upon me, in my present situation, that John Patersone is non brought to doe Rory justice immediately. John McKleod promiced me to manage that afair, and God knows my present situation, for the nixt account you may haer of me may very possibly be from the Tolbooth of Perth; but I thank God for it, goe where I will, I will cary a good consience for my como

rade. I bege your Lordship will pardon this paper and scrale, being write in a heast, and believe me to be with sincerity yours,

ALEXANDER MCKENZIE.

I expect to hear from you very soon, and let me have your thoughts in the above afair.

271. ALEXANDER M'KENZIE of Prestonhall, sometime Fraser of Fraserdale, to SIR GEORGE STEUART of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 27 March 1729.

DEAR SIR,—I was favoured with yours of the 22 instant, last night, from your brother, and am glad, by it, to know that you are well, and that my Lady Stewart is so much better, which must be ascrived to some better cause then Amily's quackship, though, I dare say that she, or any of her father bairns, would serve you, or my Lady Stewart, either in sicknes or health, to the outmost of there power. I made your compliments to my Lord Roistoun last night, as you directed me. Litle Geordy, your nephew, is ill of a formed ague. He has been ill and languishing for three weeks past, so that all the people of scill are very glad that it is now turned to ane ague, being a disease that is not reckoned mortall in young folcks, and what carys of any other maledy, though, from experience, I reckon it a most disagreeable remedy. His brother Johny is as fine a healthfull, sturdy childe as can be, and not so delicate, either in his constitution or complexion, as Geordy always was. I think you are in the right to have a freend with you at clearing Andersone's accounts, but I should think that John M'Keuan, who you have always at hand, has figueres enough, and perhaps more scill and experience about the management of corn yeards to advantage, then perhaps most of the best accountants in Edinburgh; and being thorowly acquaint

with the whole people of the country, is more capable to learn out ane imbaselment, in case there has been any such, which I hope there has not. But in this world he is a good man that answers for himself. This I only suggest as my notion of this afair. I am surprised you have got your oate seed ended in this sad and unnaturall wether. We have here, those six days past, hard frost, and the greatest fall of snow we had this winter. The frost still continues hard, and it is snowing a pace this minute, and except the first eight days of March, which was fine wether, we had not here, since Mertimas, three days to ane end without frost and snow. The oate seed is not ended yet in this country, and this last storm has raised the meall market here considerably, which, with the great scarcity of money, is very heavy on thousands of poore people. There is a great mortality here at present, which is ascrived to the rigid season. Though I know you get the prints regularly, yet I give you the trouble of this line to let you know that the folcks of speculation, both here and above, are of opinion that we are to have a peace soon, at the expense of restoring Gibralter and Portmahon to the Spaniards, and they seem to found this opinion of theres on some late steps taken by both Houses of Parliament, for which I referr you to the prints. I wish this new pace we are to have may be lasting. If it is not, we shall be at a great disadvantage in having those places, of so much importance to the trade of Britain, in the hands of our enimys, but we are not to doubt but our wise ministry will gaurd us against all future inconveniencys of that kinde. But some people seem to think it a bould stepe, in our prime ministers, to give them up. Your ould news munger Roland was buryed the other day, so that I know not whither or not the Caledonia Mercury is continued or not; but I suppose it is. If not, you should have Mr. Weems directed to send you the nixt best, and what will be most intertaining in the country. I am very glad you have not sown your clover seed yet. This frost would probably

have killed it; but being now far in the year, it ought to be sown the first drye day after this frost is gone. And though the bread of your oats were three inshes longe, it will doe it no maner of harm, for it is only to be harrowed with thorn buses fixed on the reverse side of the harrows, and with that to be harrowed till it is very smooth. I dare say your cooke is with you longe before this time. He went from hence the 20 instant. I sent by him self the conditions on both sides at large, in a letter directed to you, which I read over to him, which you may keep. I hope he will please you much better then the last you had, for he was ingaged in too great a hurry, and at a wronge time of year. I am quite out of uimour at my being so invageled in clearing ould accounts with folcks not easy to end with, which has deprived me thus longe of the pleasure and happynes I propose to my self in your good company, but there is ane absolute nesessity to have ane end put to them now. My sone Rory [is] designing to goe abroad soon, but I hope once the first week of Aprile to have the pleasure of seeing you. Rory joyns with me in our most humble services to my Lady Stewart and you, and I ever am, most sincerely yours,

ALEXANDER MCKENZIE.

To Sir George Stewart of Grandtully, Baronett, to the care of Mark Wood, merchant in Perth.

272. The SAME to the SAME.

Edinburgh, 22d December 1729.

DEAR SIR,—I had the pleasure of yours of the 16, only on Saturday morning by the post, and Cameron arived that same evening; but he tels me he was forced to leave poor Colin at Perth, being so lame of a fore foot, that he could come no farther. By the dismall account he gives of him, I aprehend he

will scarse ever be for a sadle again, which is a great pity. I am glad your last oisters pleased you; when you want more, you may have them, when ever you write for them. But I am aprehensive that a box I sent, alongst with the oisters, containing some few, but very stronge, playthings, for Dody, and a few stone ware, has miscaryed, because you doe not in yours mention the receipt of them, and yet Rollo the caryer asures me that he gave in both the oisters and the box to my sone George at the same time, so pray you cause enquire for it, that it be not lost. It is no small mortification to me to be deprived of the pleasure I proposed to my self in your good company during the holidays, but it would apear that our Courts of Judicator here are anti-Christian, for, since my last to you, they have very unexpectedly and much to my mortification ordered peremptory that my sone's process be brought into the Inner House to-morrow to be debeated in presence, and so to continue the debate every day untill it is ended, which will at least coast a week's work, so, by any thing I can see, we shall not have so much as Christmas day free, either for the service of God, or man. All I can say of the process is that, in generall, we have strenth of law for us, and I aprehend strenth of party against us, which is hard for folcks in our situation to strugill with, and yet it is not impossible but our oposites may be nearer run then perhaps they aprehend, for they looke upon themselves as cock sure, but there is never any great loss without some small advantage, as they say, for I shall think the ending of it a vast ease, and not for ever to be keept, session after session, in this hell upon earth, and to be put in our situation to so unsupportable ane expence, and not to have a free day, in a whole session, a man can call his own. In shorte, it absolutly robes me of the whole pleasure of life.

However, as Haliburtonn the joyner is a much happyer man then I can pretend to at present, being at freedom to follow his own inclinations, I have

sent him over to you, alongst with Cameron, that he may know what he has to doe, and what timber you will want for it. He is a sober, discreet lade, and a most compleat tradsman, and I dare say you will be pleased with him, for he will not, though it were left to himself, propose any thing out of reason. Your neighbour Sanders the clerck has ane eye upon him already, for his apearant house, and severals that have more immediat worke would fain have had him, but I have got him ingaged first to serve you, before he goes to serve any man, in case you please one aneother, and he has good freends and relations that are able to support him in case he should bargain to finish roomes by the piece. But trye him, if you take my advice, for a month or two, on the day's wages I mentioned before, and I beleeve it will come cheapest, and I know he will work as truly that way as by the peece, and perhaps better worke. However, all I reckon you are to doe at this time is to have him with you 2 or 3 days, till he see and measure your roomes and windows, or any thing you designe he should doe about the house, so as timber of right dementions, and well sesoned, may be provided, and that you make your settlement together yourselves; and he will set a presies time when he will come and begin his worke, and if you are for dispatch of worke, let him know it, and he will bring a lade or two, as you have a minde, from hence with him, I suppose, on a good dale cheaper wages then his own; so, at present, all your expences is to pay his expences in going and coming back, and in looking out for right timber for your worke, at Dundee, as he returns. He can have Chesels, and many other better fellows' recommendations, but I told him he needed not trouble you with any of those, seeing I had write very fully to you about him.

Now as to your geldings, I doe asure you that I never was in all my life at more pains about any commission, and have had people out to different airths in search of good ones, in case any such could be found amongst them;

but you may depend on it that in every ten of them there is scarce one tolerably good, and when they have one tolerably good, they always paire him with some vilde one, lame or blinde, and sell them so much a paire, and wont seperate them. Sir William Dick has got a paire of them, one of vhich is passable, but the other ould, stone blaind of one eye, and not very clear sighted on the other. For my parte, as I would not give my own money at any time of my life for such catle, so I can not think of misaplying my freend's money in that maner, for all that was good in the broken troops are draughted, by order of the Government, in to those that are not broke and there invalide trash geven out for them. In shorte, for all my travill and pains till this very day, I did not see so right ones before as two paire I caused bring in out of Mussellbrugh this morning, to see if we could make a bargain for one paire of them. The one paire is pritty large, above fifteen hands, broad enough, well marked, and equall sised, sound every way, and abundantly young both, but one much mettelleder then the other, but [not] one shiling would they beate that largest paire under thirty five geennys, which is a most ridiculous story. I offered 25 gennys for that paire, which I thought abundance, or too much; but they would not come down one farthing of the 35, so I left them, and tooke me to the lesser paire, which I truly think full better for your use. They are well matched, fine sounde broade punch briske nages, of more spirit the one of the other, and they are not very litle neither, and very sound, and young enough, but one shiling they would not baite them of thirty pound. I bid them 20 geennys for that paire, and so we parted. By what's above you will see that any of those horses that are good for any thing, are far from being sould cheape. I know the vilde ould creatures amonge them were sould from 7 down to 3 pound, some of them, but I would not give a hiland garon for one of those. And now, as I am to be in town for some time yet, in case you insist on having a couple, though you should pay for them, let me

have your full directions, and I shall observe them, and perhaps, in a little time, even some of those good horses may come down nearer my price, I offered already, which is the outmost I could think of giving. So pray you advise me soon, or let me know if you would be for a paire courser, and less, and a good dale cheaper for your labouring, and not so much for your chariot. Cameron saw both those paires to day, but he would so fain had two with him that he would have wished I had given all they asked.

I am glad to know by Thom that Dody's could is better when he came away. My sone and Amily heartily joyns me in our most kinde humble services to my Lady Stewart and you, and in wishing both of you a merry Christmas, a very happy new year, and many of them; and I ever am,

Dear Sir, your most oblidged and obedient humble servant,

ALEXANDER MCKENZIE.

273. LADY HENRIETTA MORDAUNT, daughter of Charles Earl of Peterborough and Monmouth, and widow of Alexander second Duke of Gordon, to [SIR JAMES MACKENZIE, LORD ROYSTON].

Gordon Castle, November 19th, 1729.

MY LORD,—The extreordinary zeal and freindshipp I have always found in your Lordshipp, in what ever concern'd mine and this familey's interest, prompts me now to give your Lordshipp this trouble, in hopes of your giveing my sonn your protection as a friend, an orphant,—vnder your care.

The Earl of Aboyn, contrary to expectation, and the advice of the most judistious friends to both famileys, has now resolv'd to claime his wright of tutory, which, indeed, is generally aprehended, if he show'd suceed, might be most pernitious to my sonn's interest, and what his father, in his life, express'd himself highly against. All who have had opertunity to be

aquainted with the Earle, I belive, will be convinc'd he has a very sufficient task to manedge his own affairs; and that he is equale to what is nessessary towards the due care of my sonn's fortune, is what sum doubt off. My most worthey freind, the Earle of Aberdeen, who this day parted with me, gives me grownds to hope there are strong reasons in law which are motives to lay his Lordshipp's pretentions aside. Your Lordshipp's assistance towards bafleing this design will be a most singular sarvice to my sonn, and therfore the highest obligation to me, who always am, with vtmost esteem, my Lord,

Your most faithfule and much obliidg'd freind and humble sarvant,

H. Gordon.

274. George third Earl of Cromartie to his uncle, Sir James Mackenzie, Lord Royston.

Tarbat House, 2d Aprile 1731.

My Lord,—I got both your Lordship's letters, the one by the Laird of Tuloch, and the other by last post, which gave me a great deall of satisfaction in haveing your aprobation in giving my son the title of Macleod, which I allways thought was more honourable then the other, and I hope now it will not be alter'd. I am sory your Lordship's health continows bad. If I have not the pleasure of seing you at Inverness, I hope against June to see you at Edinburgh, since I designe to be there then, in order to consider the whole state of my affairs, and put things in a right meathod, so shall not truble your Lordship with writing more on this subject till we meet, and then shall be fond of your Lordship's concurrence and assistance in the settlement of these matters, that will need all the help they can get. I am, my Lord,

Your Lordship's affectionate nephew and most humble servant,

Cromertie.

To the Honourable my Lord Royston, Edinburgh.

275. Alexander Robertson of Strowan to Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond.

Hermitage, April 7th, 1732.

Dear Sir,—Charles Robertson in Perth tells me you want a hundred trees of 20 foot long. I am willing to serve all mankind, more especially the worthy Laird of Loggy; and that I may doe it to exact purpose, I wish your wright, or who else you please, was here to prevent any mistake; for trees of that leignth must be cutt on purpose. We shall not fall out about the price, for whatever I say you generally make to your own fancy. I design very soon to quit for a while the innocence of paradise, and venture myself amidst the dangers of the lower world; but fear nothing that is evell from Loggy, to whom, and to his whole family I am, dear Sir, an eternall servant,

Ar. Robertson of Strowan.

276. William Drummond, writer in Edinburgh, to Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond.

Edinburgh, November 14th, 1732.

Dear Sir,— . . . My Lord Strathallan, and Lord John Drummond, and my Lady Perth are just setting out for Berwick, to bring in my Lord Perth, who, we expect, setts out this day from York journie post. He staid 10 dayes att London, in my brother's house, who sends me a fine character of him. But as he is to goe directly under the direction of his mother, neither Lord John nor no body can propose the least thing that can happin to him, at his first setting out, that will tend to his honour, credit, or intrest. She tells Lord John she is to carrie him to Stobhall, and to hold a court, to let the tenents see him; but how she will doe, whither take him first there, or to Drummond,

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no body knowes. Lord John sayes he will exoner himself, by taking ane opportunity to tell him what he thinks he should doe. I see Lord John wishe he would live with him, I mean take him and his Ladie to keep house to him till he was major, which no doubt he should doe, and let my Lady live where she should att Stobhall. After his arrivall I shall write yow. He saw the Duke of Roxbrugh, Lord Beemmont, and Collonell Kerr, but the Dukes of Argyle and Montrose and Earl of Ilay were out of toun. There has been so much land to sell, all near to other, in Perthshyre, that nobody has medled with anie of it. There is a talk that, this winter, the Parliament will reduce the intrest to 4 per cent. If they doe it, the land will sell better. Archibald Stewart still speaks as if Sir George would buy Kercock; but they never execute anything to ane end.

I went and waited on the Dutches of Perth, and told her all about her sone, and about my brother's civilities to him, but got no thanks for it, and was not disappointed. I have no farder to trouble you with, but my humbl service to Lady Logie.

I am,

Dear Sir, your most obedient and faithfull humbl servant,

W. DRUMMOND.

The Honorable Thomas Drummond, Esq.

277. The SAME to the SAME.

Edinburgh, 24th [November] 1732.

DEAR SIR,— . . . Our cheif arrived Wedensday night, and I was waiting on him yesterday with Lord Strathallan and Lord John. He seems to be of a mighty sweet tempered obledgeing youth, verry lyke to his father. He noti-

fied his coming home to all the nobility, his relations, and also to the ladies, yesterday, so I presume he will be verry throng of visitts this day. His mother took him to the Assembly last night. They all sett out Munday morning for Drummond, where they will be on Tewsday; and after the sale of the wood of Drumond is over, and he has staid a foartnight in the countrie, they all return here to pass the winter. My Lord seems verry fond of Lord John.

I shall write you again Munday's post, to let you know farder about this money, and is all I shall now trouble you with.

I am, dear Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

W. DRUMMOND.

For the Laird of Logie Almond, att Logie, to the care of the Postmaster of Perth.

278. The SAME to the SAME.

Edinburgh, Munday, November 27th, 1732.

DEAR SIR,—Ye will, no doubt, expect that as the Duke of Perth is come home, that when he parted from his uncle, Lord Edward, it would be his advice to him to keep in good freindship with all his name, and more particularly with your self, as being so nearly related to him, and one who wished the family so sincerely well, and hade contribute your time and expense at all occasions for the service and preservation of it; and as I finde Lord Edward gave the Duke this advice, and as he came by London and staid at my brother's 10 dayes, ye will beleive he wowld enforce the same good advice to him, and which he writes me he did, and found the Duke verry much determined to act accordingly, and wee here have found all his behaviour frank and kinde and

civill, having received every body with great discretion, and returned every bodie's visit. But as he was just to goe to Drummond, and his mother in his company, it was necessarr here to trye her as to her intentions of behaviour with regaird to yow and Blair; and, that the success might be the better, Mr. Wallace and ane other churchman have been employed to bring her Grace into this good disposition, and have been labouring it hard with her these three dayes past; but much to the Duke's and Lord John's disquiet, without success. She still insists on it that she will not see Logie nor Blair, and at same time she will be where her sone is. The Duke and Lord John came up to me last night, and staid ane houre with me, and told me all this, and notwithstanding of it, as I beleive, Blair will meet the Duke att Stirling. So he sayes he will gladely see him, and will tell him plainly his cituation, and, at same time, his oun firm inclinations, and that he will in a little use his best endeavours to get over and out of thir difficulties; and as the Dutchess is his mother, that we all know, he said, that in honour he could not disobey her, nor at this time disoblidge her. Then we came on talking about yow, and I said it would look verry strange in the countrie, that his Grace should be returned to his oun countrie, and living att Drummond, and yet you debarred from coming to see him. Lord John insisted much on that, and, indeed, said everie thing with regaird to you, and your freindship and services, and your relation to the family, and in a way all agreeable to his sense and good breeding; and the Duke seemed exceeding uneasie upon this to think what he should doe, seeing, he said, he could not help his mother. I told him, seeing him so uneasie, that I was sure ye wanted but to understand his Grace's own good inclinations, and how he was statted to lay aside all ceremony, and at anie rate yow wowld come and wait on him, were it no more but just to see him. Lord John said he hade writ to yow to come at this time to meet his Grace, which, no doubt, yow wowld have done as being so near a relation, but that

yow sent him for answer that your indisposition hindred yow; and tho' he knew ye hade been of late indisposed, yet he said he partly beleived that the uncertainty as to the Dutchess' behaviour might make yow even glade to bring your indisposition partly in excuse. The Duke, who seems not to want good naturall parts—and my brother John thinks he has them—said that as your visit behoved to be straitning both to his mother and to your self, tho' he should be verry glade to see yow att Drummond, altho' my Lady should stay that day from table, yet he submitted it to yow, whither, as ye was not verry well, ye wowld choice to put it on this foot, and send your message to Drummond to enquire after him, and that if your health permitted ye would have come and waited on him. This, he sayes, if ye think fitt, shall doe as well, and equally satisfie him, and in returne he will come and see yow, and stay with yow, and tell yow himself all his storie. I could not but say that the proposall was all he could well offer, and I undertook to write yow this, which seemed to make him easie. Lord John said he hade yet one effort more to make on her, thorrow Bishop Gordon, and my Lord Duke said that they behoved to get Lady Mary to help them. His oun project, he said, was, as they were all soone to returne to this town again, he behoved to make some pretence of getting to the countrie, for some dayes, to goe a shooting, and then wowld visit his friends, for he was determined that he wowld see yow and Blair. Thus, poor gentleman, he is statted; seems to be of a verry sweet disposition, verry lyke his father, is exceeding fond of Lord John, and wants to know the state of his affairs; is returned from France just when ye wowld think his years and mein required he should goe abroad, for he has nothing of the French air att all. All his relations have been to wait on him, and he has returned all their visits. I beleive he will make a verry worthie honest gentleman, and will be very kinde to his name and relations. The present inconveniencies he must get rid of, as soone and as well as he can. I have not got ane

answer as yet about the 5000 merks, but will to morrow. I shall not trouble yow farder. I hope ye are grown better in your health. The Duke, the Dutchess, Lord Strathallan, and Lord John sett all out at 7 this morning for Drummond, by way of Stirling, to be att Drummond to morrow to witnes the sale of the woods of Drumond on Wedensday.

I am,

Dear Sir, your most affectionat and most obedient humble servant,

W. DRUMMOND.

For the Laird of Logie Almond att Logie, to be sent to him express by Mr. John Mercer, Sheriff-clerk of Perth.

279. JOHN DRUMMOND, commonly called LORD JOHN DRUMMOND, second son of James fourth Earl, created Duke, of Perth, to [THOMAS DRUMMOND of Logiealmond].

December 4th, 1732.

SIR,—Having given your's to me of the 2d instant to the Duke of Perth to peruse, he would needs write you himself his sentiments in relation to the Duchess, his mother, and his freinds, which you see are such, as that he neither will find fault with his freinds upon her disagreaing with them, nor lose respect to the Duchess by acting in his business contrary to her inclinations. He dessigns, nevertheless, to keep a good correspondance with all his freinds till such time as he can effectuate a change in her sentiments towards them. You'll love his caracter when you are acquainted with it, and you'll see revive in him his father in his sentiments, motions, and beheaviour. I hope you'll send compliments to him at his arrival to Stobhall, and desire you may be excused for not waiting of him on account of your indisposition,

which will make him come to see you after he has been a day or two there. You know too well from whence the freedom I take to give you this advice proceeds not to excuse it. When this is done, I shall wait of him to Logie, as he has insinuate he dessigns, and shall endeavour to prevent his being diverted from it. Allow me to offer my most humble respects to your Lady and to Mrs. Bettie Drummond. My wife desires hers may be joind to mine.—I ever am, with the sincerest freindship and respect, Sir,

Your most humble and most obedient servant,

JOHN DRUMMOND.

This day the Duchess and Duke of Perth go for Stobhall.

280. The SAME to [the SAME].

Drummond, March 16th, 1733.

SIR,—Having given the work of the soth windows of Drummond to Garner of Perth upon your recommendation, I made no other agreament with him about them than as you pay for your's; so I hope you'll let me know the price. I had a letter from Mr. Drummond of Grange after I had concluded with your man, recommending Chessels to me, in which he gives me some indifferent accounts about Garner; but I told Chessels he came too late, and so dismiss'd him. I shall be glad to hear of your being better of your uneasiness, and that your Lady is well. I don't hear of the Duke of Perth's coming to this countrey till after Easter. He's to live with the Duchess at Stobhall, but is to be as often as possibly he can at Drummond, for her Grace would by no means parte with him. Lady Barbara Stuart, my wife, and I offer our most humble service to your Lady, and wish both you and her a

happie Easter. I shall give you no farther trouble at present, but to assure you that I ever am, with great esteem and respect, Sir, your most humble and most obedient servant,

JOHN DRUMMOND.

281. The SAME to [the SAME].

Drummond, 3d October 1733.

SIR,—I'm honour'd with your most obliging letter of this date, for which I return my most hearty thanks. The want of your companie yeasterday would have been a great disapointment to me had you been in a firm state of health, but your want of health is a greater affliction to me than I can express. I'm convinced nothing would have hinder'd your coming hither at the Duke of Perth's first riding his mercat but your indisposition. Blaire Drummond sent his son, who told us his father was not very well; I'm sure his grandfather would have been at death's door ere he had fail'd to wait of his young cheif, had he been alive. I cannot help observing the difference there is betwixt the father and the son's tempers, and I hope you'll excuse my observation to you, for the father was, in evry circumstance this family could be in, a very grateful, humble servant to 't. As for the son, I shall make no farther judgement of him save that I think he might have given himself the trouble to come himself at this occassion, whither this family at present be in a condition to be usefull to him or not. I hope to see the time come when there will be a difference in mercat days.

You may be perswaded that your civilitys and freindship apear to me afresh in your good wishes of a great many returns of my birth day to me, which I receive with that due sense of gratitude as I'm capable of, which as it is inferior to Logie's merit will ever make me indebted to

him; so you may reckon upon my being, with sincerity, esteem, and respect, Sir,

Your most humble and most obedient servant,

JOHN DRUMMOND.

The Duke of Perth, Lady Barbara Stuart, and my wife make their compliments to your Lady and you, and to Mrss. Leslie's. I beg mine may be made acceptable to them, and to your nephew and niece.

282. LADY JANE DOUGLAS, afterwards STEUART, to [SIR JAMES MACKENZIE, LORD ROYSTON].

15th November 1737.

MY LORD,—I hear that Mr. Ker, minister of Dun's law affair, which has been some time depending before the Lord[s] of Session, comes again before them in a few days, and is to be laid in a particular manner before your Lordship, so that you, my Lord, have, in a great measure, the determining the fate of that plea. I have been aquainted with Mr. Ker these several years, and am very certain that he is a worthy, perfect, honest man, and his plea is truely so, which has the more easily persuaded me to take the liberty to write to your Lordship in his favour, who, I know, will only favour that which you are convinc'd is just and right. But I am inform'd that this affair is unhappy enough to be misrepresented to your Lordship, and my friend, Mr. Ker, not having the honour to be knowen to you, wants the power to set matters in their proper light, and very often falsehoods, to the most deserning eyes, wears the face of truth. I am extremely sensible that it does not belong to me to trouble you with solicitations. Excuse them, my Lord, and, if possible, grant

what I shall take as a lasting obligation, and do me the favour also to believe that I truely am, with great esteem and regard,

My Lord, your Lordship's most humble servant,

JANE DOUGLAS.

I offer my most humble service to my Lady Dick, who I value and esteem. I send this letter by Mr. Ker's agent; permite him, my Lord, to talk with you but a few moments.

283. GEORGE DRUMMOND of Blair Drummond to THOMAS DRUMMOND of Logiealmond.

Blair Drummond, 26 March 1739.

DEAR SIR,—The last accounts I sent of my dear father will help to lessen your surprise, when I tell you that it pleased God to release him from all his worldly troubles this morning about seven. Except to friends (and such I will allways have the honour to reckon you), complaining shows weakness; but truly the loss is heavy, very heavy. I cannot think of asking you to doe the last offices to your sincere freind, the reasons against attempting it are too strong. I intend his funeral, with all private decency, on Friday at three a'clock, and have ask'd only his nearest relations and neighbours.—I am, with great regard,

Dear Sir,

Your affectionate and most obedient servant,

GEORGE DRUMMOND.

To the Laird of Logy Almond.

284. JOHN DRUMMOND, commonly called Lord John Drummond, second son of James fourth Earl, created Duke of Perth, to [THOMAS DRUMMOND of Logiealmond].

Ferntoun, 8 August 1741.

SIR,—I should be sory you should think it either negligence or want of freindship in me my not answering your obliging letter of condoleance sooner, which I deferred till I should returne home; and when I return'd I was inform'd of your being gone to Ballathie, and waited till I should hear of your being at Logie, to express my most sincere acknowledgements and thanks for your obliging and kind concern you take in the loss my wife and I have made, as well as the family of Traquair, by my Lord her father's death. Tho' it was foreseen by all of us a great while befor it happen'd, and expected sooner than it did happen by the phisicians who attended him, yet it gave a general concern to all who were acquainted with him, whither personaly or by his caracter, and could not but be most aflicting to all his family and nearest relations. The notions people are prepossessed of, in relation to merit, that it is immortal, and should never dye, makes us apt to think that such as are possess'd of a most distinguished merit should be so too, and the shock to nature is greater, when death snatches them from us, as their virtues and the lovelyness of their temper are more knowen, and grow more familiar to us. He was religious without hypocrasie, generous without profusion, freindly without shew or dissimulation, a most affectionate and loving husband, a kind father, and a good master, and a man of the stricktest honour and loyalty in regard to his king and country. These qualitys, and a great many more, will ever make his memory dear to us, and to all honest men, to whom now, or hereafter, they shall be made

knowen. My heart is so full of him, that I 'm affraid I have entertain'd you too long on so melancolie a subject, so shall ouely add, that I ever am, with all due regarde,

Sir, your most humble and most obedient servant,

JOHN DRUMMOND.

P.S.—I beg leav to offer my most humble service to your Lady, and to Mrss. Bettie Drummond. My wife makes her compliments to you, and joins with me in hers to them.

285. ALEXANDER ROBERTSON of Strowan to THOMAS DRUMMOND of Logiealmond.

Carse, 27 August 1742.

DEAR SIR,—I rejoice to hear that Logiealmond is well, but am sorry to tell you that to my great loss my miln has not sawn a hundred deals since May. But the first rain that falls in plenty you shall be serv'd; but if you have use for trees we can make them at any time. I know it will not displease you to know that by the changes of late my greatest enimy is remov'd from the ministry, and I am assur'd for certain that the present Advocat is much inclin'd to befriend me; but there must be a weighty argument used in a purse, quhich I must procure on giving security on a piece of land which my niece Mary has a right to. I wish you could recommend me right, it woud ever oblige,

Dear Sir, your ever affectionate servant,

AR. ROBERTSON of Strowan.

To the honorable Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond.

286. Sir James Mackenzie, Lord Royston, to his grandson, John Stewart.

Edinburgh, 16 May, 1744.

Dear Child,—Your letter to your uncle George came too late, for before it came to this place he was dead, which hapned yesterday about 4 afternoon, after a tedious illness.[1] My present distress does not permit me to write more but that I am,

Dear child, your aflicted grandfather,

Ja. Mackenzie.

To John Stewart, son to Collonell John Stewart, St. Andrews.

287. William Moir, Slains, to Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond.

Slains, July 30th, 1745.

Sir,— At the Countes of Erroll's desyre, I write you this to advise you of the melancholly event of Mr. Hay of Delgaty's death, who dyed yesterday's afternoon about four of the clock, after a long and painefull indisposition, which he bore with great patience. He is to be interred, by his own direction, in a private way. As you knew what a valuable person he was, and the sincere affection 'twixt the Countes and him, you'le better imagine, than I can express, the grieff my Lady is in on the loss of so dear a friend. Her Ladyship does not doubt of your sympathy with her, and intreats you will take the trouble of acquainting the family of Perth, and Lord John Drummond.

I am, with great esteem, Sir, your most obedient and most humble servant,

William Moir.

To the honorable Thomas Drummond of Logie, to the care of the Post Master of Perth.

[1] This refers to the death of George Mackenzie, only son of Lord Royston.

288. Colonel John Stewart, afterwards of Grandtully, to Mr. William MacEuen, W.S., Edinburgh.

Hague, February 6th, 1747.

Dear Sir,—I hope your long silence has been occasion'd from hurry of agreable busnes, being unwilling to imagine it should proceed from indifference, or forgetfullnes of ane absent frend. I hope my sone's afairs haue clear'd up, so as to be pretty satisfying to him, and you, after the shock he mett with, from the misrepresentation of his circumstances, by trumping up storys of groundles claims to his all. I hope the low pass his credite was brought to has brought him in to putt a more just value on mony, and a greater disregard for tryfling tois and guady dress, two weakneses that no fortune is proof of, if encouraged. I made Mr. De Hondt, a famous bookseller hiere, write to Mr. Kincade thre moneths ago for a cataloge of the book, &c., who, I have reason to think, woold have had comissions for some of the curious part, to a considerable value, both for books and pictures; but Mr. Kincade has took no notice to his correspondent, to his great surprise and mine. I hope, as my sone has no ocasion for the house, you have got it, or will get it, lett furnished, or otherways, to pay the rent at least, untill the tack is out. I am afraid, by the strain of your last, your kind acceptance of my last bill for £100 was attended with some inconveniences, as many matters stood at that time. How unlucky am I to be obliged to hurt my best frends; but I comfort myself it will not be always so. Though things have taken no better turne as yett, they will soon, when I hope to have it in my power to make ample returns, which I shall fondly embrace, belive me. I beg to hear from you on receipt of this, with as full ane acount as possible of my dear sone's afeairs. I hope he is not too much dampt with the unexpected

shock. I am sure your sincer frendship for him and me will make you fall on effectual ways and means to keep up his spirits, which no one can doe so well, from your through knolege of him, and his confidence in your frendship and capacity, so often proved. I can not imagine what gave rise to the story of my brother's death; but severals here, as well as I, had letters repeated from London on that mistake. I should be glad to know how he stands affected to his nephew. As to every other I know the best and worst, so can meet with no dissagreable dissapointment from that quarter. Wee think of going to Aix-la-Chappelle about the end of next moneth if mony answers. . . . . If you can guess how agreable a long letter from you will be, I am sure of it soon. No man is with more sincerity your obliged frend and humble servant thane

JO: STEWART.

Pleas deliver the enclosed, and putt my dear boy in minde to write often to me. If Sir Patte Murray is in Scotland, you'l get the enclosed for him delivered safely, as it is on busnes, if not, forward it to him else where, with recommendation to some frend to deliver it.

To Mr. William MacEnen, Writer to the Signet in Edinburgh, North Brittain.

289. The SAME to his son, JOHN STEWART of Farnese, afterwards of Grandtully.

Hague, February 7th, N.S., 1747.

MY DEAREST CHILD,—The very unsetled way I have been in, endavoring still to change for the better, has hindred my writing as I intended. I now find all places of this country equaly dear and dissagreable; I mean as to the

people, who all want to make a prey of strangers. The Hague, in its self, is the prettiest village in the world, but I left it for Utrecht, in hopes to find the air there less moist, as it stands higher: the difference (if any) is scarce perceptible. I propose to go to Aix la Chapelle for the season, some time next moneth, where I hope to find things better and cheaper. So far for the past, present, and future as to me.

I am sure, my dearest, if you knew the satisfaction it would be to me to know distinctly of you, and hear frequently from you, it is imposible I could be without that happiness so long, from your good nature and complaisence.

I am perswaded the harsh usage you have mett with from creditors will be a suffitent barr against your ever more putting yourself in their power by running in debt, and am very hopefull any inconsiderat steps you have made in the conduct of your afairs may, and will, be soon recover'd, and should think it my greatest happines to contribute to your eas and opulence, much more thane in the proportion my debts have helped to your present difficultys. I hope, my dear, to hear from you on receipt of this, and I shall thene write you a long letter. This I am obliged to cut short, not to loose the scout for Utrecht. Adieu, my dearest; God bless and preserve you to the comfort of your affectionat father,

Jo: Stewart.

To John Stewart of Farnaze, Esqr.

290. Lord John Drummond to [Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond].

Fairntoun, 9 October 1747.

Sir,—I cannot but inform you, (tho' I desire it may be a secret till it be in the news papers,) the melancolie accounts I got yesterday, by a letter from

the Duke of Norfolk to my niece, Lady Mary Drummond, that my nephew, the Duke of Perth, departed this life the 28th of last month, new stile.[1] He was attended at Antwerp, where he died, by my Lady Clifford, who writ the event of his death to the Duke of Norfolk, having been as careful of him as she could during his sickness. I'm so much concerned for this loss, that I can say no more but to beg my wife's humble service and mine to your Lady and to you. As my Lady Clifford nor the Duke of Norfolk say nothing of his having left Lady Clifford's doughter a widow, I reckon tho' a mariage might have been dessigned, had he lived, betwixt them, that he has not been maryed at his death, of this, nevertheless, I cannot be certain as yet.—I ever am, with the greatest esteem and respect,

Sir, your most humble and most obedient servant,

JOHN DRUMMOND.

291. The SAME, as DUKE OF PERTH, to the SAME.

Fairntoun, 17 November 1747.

SIR,—I returned an answer to Mr. Seller conform to your resolusion, which I see by the enclosed he had not receiv'd at his writing it.

I am heartyly sory that neither your health nor mine can permit vs to come to each other without cerimonie when desir'd. This makes me presume to accept of the offer you make of desiring your Lady to come hither to talk to me of such things as you do not care to write about. I am at the same time asshamed of the trouble she is willing to take on my account, and nothing would have determined me to send my shaise and horses for her

[1] This was John, called fourth Duke of Perth, the younger brother of James, called the third Duke.

Ladyship, but the necessity the enclosed puts me to of neglecting nothing can contribute to my hindering our family from its being totaly ruined. I hope Lady Logie will bring your niece, Mrss. Murray, along with her. God knows my heart and affection for all my relations, and if my honour and concience prohibit me from giving my consent to certain measures, proposed for the preservation of the estate, I hope men of concience and sense, who are free of self interest and passion, will make a right judgement of my procedure, and forgive my disinterestedness upon that scor.

I beg my wife's humble compliments to your Lady and to you, and beleive me to have alwise all the esteem and honour for you I am capable of as being,

Sir, your most humble and most obedient servant,

PERTH.

292. The SAME to the SAME.

Fairntoun, 20th March 1748.

SIR,—I am infinitly obliged to you for the concerne you express in yours, which I received this afternoon, to have all mistakes removed, by your writing to Lundin to come hither to commune upon the subject in agitation, and I should be sory to put Lundin to that trouble, if he shall persist upon saving the estate from the government, by making use of a claim founded upon a penal law against Catholicks, to which, tho' I had no principal of religion, I could not, in honour, give my consent, and this I'm resolved to adhere to unalterably. This being the case, to desire Lundin to give himself that unnecessary trouble, while his health is so precarious, is what I cannot expect he should be at, or desire you to write to him, unless he lays these, his pretensions, asyde. Acts of Parliament cannot abolish the law of God; they

indeed may incorage a man to break it, as in this case, by giving him what belongs to another, he could have no right to at present, were it not for that Act of Parliament requiring of the proprietor either to renounce his religion by the most solemn oaths, whither he be convinced or not of the truth of what he swears, or forfeit his estate; and this is the dilemma Lundin brings me into, if he continues to be a freind to our family in that shape. I shall be very glad to see Lundin, for whom I have a very great and real esteem, which can be lessened in me by none but by himself. I look upon him as a cadet of that family, of which (tho unworthy) it has pleased God to make me the Cheif, by calling to himself my two nephews, whos deaths I cannot eneugh regrate, and will he pretend to be my freind, and follow any advice to impose these laws upon me? This is what he insinuats in his letter, and what I never expected from a man who has expressed himself formerly, when last here, to Abercarnie and to my wife, with sentiments so full of honour, that if any schem could be fallen upon to save the estate, other than what he propos'd, he would go readdyly into it. Here is one proposed, which the chief creditors upon the estate are satisfied with, and I know nothing but Lundin's influence upon [the] late Mr. James Airth trustees could hinder them from delivering up that disposition for the use intended to [be] made of it. Write then to him to desire them to give it, for which I shall give them my recept, and, if required, shall cause it be registred. I would have writ to you sooner last, if I had not waited an answer from Edinburgh, and expected to have got out the disposition now in question to have sent it to you, of which I have been dissapointed: but Lundin, by either imagining me capable to do him an injustice, or for some other view, as I suspect from the strain of his letter, has contributed to the dissapointment. However that be, I shall alwise do what lyeth in my power to cultivat freindship with so near a relation, and could wish all my freinds were of the same disposition in regard to me, as I have ever

experienced you to be of, for which I shall alwise have that sense of gratitude as ever to deserve the continuance of it to,

Sir,

Your most humble and most obedient servant,

PERTH.

My wife and I join in our most kind humble compliments to Lady Logie, to Mrss. Murray, and to you. As to Lundin's lawyers, I know of none, save Mr. David Greame and Mr. Home.

293. The SAME to the SAME.

Fairntoun, 21 May 1748.

SIR,—Since I writ to you, I have spoken to Abercarnie upon the proposal made by you in the letter I received from you of the 16th instant. He says he will not alter the security he has, and that the making it legal will cost us five pound, that all he wanted of you was to admit of his transferring the same security and bond to Sir John Græme, Mr. David Græm's brother, which you refused; that 'tis upon his account he wanted the money, to whom he is indebted for that summe, and more, so that the summe he is debitor to him might be, by that means, discharged. However, he would not press you for it, at this terme of Whitsunday any further, but expects you will either transact it, or procure payment to him against the next terme, for he is resolved to be clear of Sir John Græme; and as I am the person must be lyable for the whole, I hope you will transact it in the manner proposed, since Abercarnie will not parte from the security he has got.

I intend to go to Edinburgh at the sitting down of the session, where I hope to meet with a more favourable decision in regard to the disposition

than was at first expected, provided Lundin lyes by, as I expect he will. Tis his interest to do so, since I ever meant to do him all the justice he could expect to do for himself, by making use of his claim, as a Protestant next heir, without hurting the nearest in blood to the succession; and my niece, Lady Mary Drummond, gives me still greater hopes of success at London, in case of an apeal. This is all that I have learned since I writ to you last upon that subject. I shall want your sedan to be here against Saturday com eight days, to make my jurney, which I hope you 'll be so good as send hither for that purpose, and notwithstanding of Barcalden's rudeness, I must take patience, least highier powers should be dissobliged, if I should indeavour to get him turned out of his commission. This is an interested world, and Christianity is lay'd aside, when, by the least shadow of law, their passions can be gratified.

My wife and I offer our most kind humble compliments to your Lady and to you; and I ever am, with a most sincere esteem and respect,

Sir, your most humble and most obedient servant,

PERTH.

294. The SAME to the SAME.

Edinburgh, 12 August 1748.

SIR,—This is to return you my most hearty thanks for the use of your sedan, but the carage has hurt the poor horses so much, that I have taken the liberty to keep it here, rather as to send it back with them, for fear of increasing their soars by that means, which I hope to be excused for.

My wife arrived here yeasterdey from Edinburgh, where I came this morning, having stay'd at Peebles all night, partly upon the horses' account, and partely upon my own; and both my wife and I met with a very kind reception from the Countess Dowager of Traquair, and from the young ladys,

who have been wishing to see us there of a long time. Wee should have accompanied my Lord Traquair and his young Lady from Edinburgh hither, when they set out from thence on Monday last, but having some business to advise with some lawyers ere I left the town, we were detaind for a day or two longer, which mortified me not a little; for I can assure you this young lady of his is of a very ingaging temper, franck and easie in her conversation, acompanied with that decencie in her beheaviour, and a livelyness of spirit, as must charme evry body who have the honour to be in company with her, but is of so delicate and tender a constitution, almost broken with her concerne for my Lord her husband, and confinment with him, that I'm affray'd she shall scarcely be able to get the better of the illness she contracted during that time, which the doctors aprehended to be an inflamation in her liver, for which she was blooded sixten times while in the Tower, and four times since my Lord has got his liberty, tho still under bail, which, it is hoped, will be discharged at his next apearance, being obliged to returne in October next for that end.

My wife and I join in our kind humble compliments to Lady Logie and to you; and I ever am, with great esteem and respect,

Sir, your most humble and most obedient servant,

PERTH.

295. The SAME to the SAME.

Fairntoun, 16th March 1749.

SIR,—You may remember I told you, befor you left Edinburgh, the manner I was to be treated by Lundin, and I am convinced you had too great a freindship for me, as well as honour, in your breast, to have had any share in it: but his Protestant title has made him too officious in medling with our concernes, without which he could have had nothing to do in the affaires of the

family, of which, by the divine permission, I have the honour to be the cheif. I have, nevertheless, in order to keep a good harmonie amongst us, yeilded to his demands, however premature they may be esteemed by those who know that I had ingaged my word of honour to perform, in due time, what he has since exacted of me, by a contract, in which you have no less a concerne than I have, the which I have sent you to subscribe, with a letter from David Græme advising you to it, so that I expect the contract, signed by you, returned by this occasion, by which I send you back your sedan, for which I returne my most hearty thanks, with all the sincere acknowledgements my wife and I can make, for your kind inquiring for vs at our arrival here; and as I could not returne the sedan without getting a buckle of the harnish made sufficient, by the failure of which I had allmost been overturned twice, I hope you will excuse my not sending it with your servant in that condition, for fear of the like accident should have happened to you, in case you should have use for it, in doing me the honour of a visit I expect, after the Easter-day holydays are over, from the freindship you have ever had for me, for there are a great many things I could speak of, which it would not be fit to write.

My wife and I join in our most kind humble compliments to your Lady, to Mrss. Murray, and to you; and I ever am, with a most cordial esteem and respect,

Sir, your most humble and most obedient servant,

PERTH.

296. LADY JANE DOUGLAS, wife of Sir John Steuart of Grandtully, to ANDREW FLETCHER, LORD MILTON.

Hope Park, 6 February 1753.[1]

MY LORD,—I have often regreted, since I came to Scotland, that I have never been so happy 's to have an oppertunity of paying my respects to my Lady

[1] From the Original at Salton.

Milton, nor of seeing your Lordship but once, with whom I have some things that concerns me to talk over. If, therefore, your Lordship wou'd honour me with an enterview any day this week, at any hour you shall please to appoint, at Lady Mary Hamilton's house in Edinburgh, which is near the Parlement House, I shall be there to attend you, and shall take up but a few moments of your time.—I am, with the most sincere attachment, and with infinit esteem, my Lord, your Lordship's most obliged and most humble servant,

I ofer my regardfull compliments to my Lady Milton and to the young Ladies. Lady Mary Hamilton's house is in Don's Close, at the Earl of Stair's head.

297. COLONEL JOHN STEWART, afterwards of Grandtully, to his son, JOHN STEWART of Farnaze.

London, December 25, 1753.

MY DEAR CHILD,—I have been long a letter in your debt. Stil expecting to have somewhat agreable to say ocationed my delay, till the heaviest and most unsupportable of misfortunes has happned to me in the death of dear Lady Jane. This is a sever stroke indeed, but God's will must be done, and wee must submitt. My dear, great is our loss every way, by the taking of the best of lady[s], and I regrate my griveous misfortune the more, that I think the time draws very near when my afairs are like to take a better turne, which I wisht impatiently for, chiefly on her account. I hope my daughter and you with the dear litle ones keep health. I long much to see yee all, but can not yett name the time of my having that happines. However, be assured you shall very soon hear from me some thing will pleas you.

Your uncle continues his unnaturall unkindnes, much has to answer for, if ingratitude is a crime, join'd with unnaturallity and injustice. This he may come to see with remorse before he dye, and hope he will make some ammends to my grandchildren and you. As to me, it is not in his power to repair the injury done me, even had he grace to endavore it, which I know his obstinacy will never allow of. I have wrote to Mr. MacEuan along with this, to know what is doing in your afairs, if George Lockhart still persissts to keep your mony in his hands, on the pretence of what claims may be made by the supposed creditors of Lord Royston, who, every one knows, left no debts. I woold like way know what is doing in the process for recovering your plate from John Murray of B[r]oughtone; and, in my opinion, Mr. MacEuen should see to gett Lady Henderson's hundred pounds per annum securred to her in some other way thane by her father, Mr. Stewart the writer's, keeping thre thousand pounds of yours in his hands for security of that annuity you pay his daughter. It is, I think, unfit your mony should continue to lye in his hands, for many reasons, besids that you may probably have ocasion for part of it. I am perswaded it will be no difficult matter to get her mony well secur'd for her, without so great a pledge, and I know not what security you have from Mr. Stewart for the thre thousand pounds. I beg you will caws Mr. MacEuen look in to that afair, and have put effectually to rights.

Pleas make my affectionat compliments to Ballachin and his Lady, which with my blessing to you and dear family, is all at present can be offered by

Your affectionat father,

Jo. Stewart.

Direct for me to the care of, or under cover to, Charles Farquhar in Craven Buildings, near the New Church in the Strand, London.

To John Stewart of Farnaze, Esqr. at Ballachin, Perthshire, near Dunkell.

298. The SAME to the SAME.

London, March 20th, 1754.

MY DEAR SONE,—You will think me very remiss in having defer'd so long making returne to your kind and affectionat letter of January 12th. I deferred writing, fondly flattering my self from week to week that I should gett the advance of two hundred pounds I had a promess of, which would have enabled me effectually to have set about my grand afair, which is obstructed by nothing but want of that sume. I now find it impossible for me to rais mony here, where I am not known. Besids the folks here are so foolish as to think Scots security is not good, wheras it is certainly better than English, becaws of our Register, but there is no bating them out of their wrong notion. You will see by the enclosed to Logie, which I leav open for your reading, that my necessity and great view I have of being very soon in opolence (if I can obtain a small advance of mony,) has obliged me to make aplication to him for it. As I have ever fownd him a frend and man of honnor, I have some faint hopes of success from him, in which case, befor midsummer, I shall not only be able to returne his mony thankfully, with interest, but be from that time forward in as easy and opolent circumstances as any one man in the nation.

Now, my dear child, if Logie be still the man he was, I woold haue you deliver him the enclosed letter, from your own hand, and you may let him know that I have acquainted you with the contents of it. If, contrair to my expectation, he proves unkind, and refuses absolutly to favore me, in that case you'l let him know that I desire he may give you bak the letter, [or burn] it before you, for I woold not choose to have a [letter asking a] mony favore stand in record against me. If I could explain the infalla-

bility of my prospect of happines as to mony matters safely, at this distance, you woold soon see, as I doe, the certainty I go on; but that must be defer'd till meeting, which, I hope, shall be very soon, as I have no comfort left but in you and yours, and my poor dear litle Archie,[1] (who you express so much naturall affection and kindnes for,) now that dear Lady Jane is no more, but has been killed by the unkindnes of her relations. God forgive them, they have much to answer for, never woman had more merit of all kinds, without the alloy of one blemish. But I can dwell no longer on that melancholy subject; irreparable as it is, wee must look forward. Yess, my dear, I hope befor midsummer not only to make you, and my dear litle grandchildren, quit happy, but my dear litle Archie, who was left in so forlorne a state by the premature death of his dear mama. Be assured, my dear John, that this will happen, as I say, if I get mony to cary me from this. All the other materiall steps are taken and adjusted, so that they can not miscary. Your intended generous kindnes to your brother I hope there will be no occasion for, but it was beautifull and handsome your proposing it, in the streigtned circumstances you are in. I shall be impatient until I hear from you and from Logie, there is so very much depends on his answer: many many thousands are to be the consequence of this tryfle of two hundred pounds. Untill I have somewhat more sollid to offer, my dear daughter and you, with my dear grandchildren, have my affectionat blessing and best wishes. God bless yee all, and giue me soon the long wished for happines of embracing you, which will be the greatest cordiall Providence can [grant] to my grief and distress.

To John Stewart of Farnaize, Esqr. at Ballachin, to the care of the Postmaster of Dunkell, Scotland.

[1] Afterwards Lord Douglas of Douglas.

299. HELEN HEWITT[1] to SIR JOHN STEWART of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 24th June 1764.

SIR,—I was favoured with yours some days agoe, tho upon a very melancholy subject, which has chocked me not a little, as he was the person I had the highest regard for, both for his own sake, and for the sake of the angell that is gone before him. Great is the simpathie I have with dear Lady Stewart. She has lost one of the best of husbands, and I one of the most afectionate freinds. I am treuly in great greif for the loss of your father, and I know my dear child's tender heart, and the strong afectione to his father, that I know will be a very sore chock to him, having neither the Dutchis nor none of his freinds to comfort him, soe that I am queit in distress about him. I am highly satisfeid with what yow write me Sir John did in his last days. Yow'll please give my most afectionate complements to Lady Stewart, and your oun Lady, and I heartily simpathize with yow all, and ever am,

Sir John, your most afectionate freind and humble servant,

HELEN HEWITT.

To the Honorable Sir John Stewart, at Murtly, near Dunkeld.

300. JAMES STEWART, Writer to the Signet, Edinburgh, younger son of Robert Stewart of Ballechin, to his brother-in-law, SIR JOHN STEWART of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 10 December 1764.

DEAR SIR,— . . . I have informed Mr. Brown of what you wrote me. He cannot possibly tell when the Dutchess will be in Scotland, as it depends entirely upon the time the proof is ended in France, which will not probably be for

[1] Helen Hewitt was the attendant of Lady Jane Douglas, and figures as a prominent witness in the great Douglas cause. She generally spoke of Lady Jane as 'the Angel.'

this winter, as there is a stop put to it at present to the proof there, on account of some books and papers lodged by the Hamilton people in the Tournelle, which they cannot get out of it again, and it's thought they never will. I find now that even those of the keenest Hamiltonians despair of their success. I shall inform you of one most material evidence that has been already examined in Paris, upon your brother's part, which, in my opinion, puts the affair beyond doubt. He is a man midwife, an old friend and acquaintance of Pierre La Mare's, whom Pierre La Mare used sometimes to call to his assistance in difficult deliverys. This gentleman declares that P. La Mare waited of him, and told him that there was a lady of great rank lately arrived in Paris, who was very big with child, and was also well advanced in years, and, therefore, he would chuse to have his assistance in case he should be difficulted, and therefore begged of him not to be out of the way. But this gentleman, either happening to forget the engagement, or being called out of town, Pierre La Mare, when he sent for him to be present at the delivery, could not find him, and was therefore obliged to perform the operation himself. That after the delivery P. La M. complained to him of his not minding his promise; that they had several conversations about Madam Stewart, in which P. La M. informed him that one of the children, being sickely, was left under his charge for some time; that he had provided him in a nurse, and he was likely to do well; with many other circumstances. There are other witnesses who strengthen this gentleman's evidence. I had almost forgot to inform you of another part of that gentleman's evidence. Mr. Andrew Stewart happened to [be] in the room where he gave his oath. The gentleman pointed to him, and said that he had told him, Mr. Stewart, the same thing that he now deponed to two years ago. This I think is an unfavourable circumstance for Mr. Stewart. . . .

I am, dear Sir, your most affectionate humble servant,

JAMES STEWART.

301. The SAME to the SAME.

Edinburgh, 29th December 1764.

DEAR SIR,—I received your letter of the 24th instant only on Thursday last, acquainting my brother and me of the melancholy news of our dear little nephew Archie's death. Believe me, dear Sir, it gave us inexpressible grief, and the shock was the greater as we heard, the day before, of his being out of danger. May God comfort you and Lady Stewart! The dispensations of Providence appear to us short sighted mortals very wonderful, but when we look at the whole visible creation, and behold the infinite wisdom and goodness that is there displayed, we must wonder and conclude that His misteries in the works of Providence are equally wisely ordered, and as much for our good. We pray that God may preserve the beautiful young family with which you are still blessed, and that you and our sister, who are the parents, may be long preserved to nurish and guide them in their tender years, that, when they are grown up, they may be a comfort to you and all that they are concerned with. Be careful of your own healths, and let not these melancholy accidents take so deep a root in your minds as that it may prey upon your bodies. I shall be very anxious till I hear how you and my sister bear it. I am afraid she has hurt herself both with fatigue of mind and body. . . .

My brother joins in best compliments to you and Lady Stewart, and in wishing you and the young folks a happy new year, and many returns.

I am, dear Sir, your most affectionate humble servant,

JAMES STEWART.

To Sir John Stewart of Grandtully, Baronet, by Dunkeld.

302. The SAME to the SAME.

Edinburgh, 3d November 1769.

DEAR SIR,—I wrote you yesterday, to which I refer. I have since heard the account which this Lord Eglinton gives of his brother's death, which is much the same with the first of the two ways it is told in the news. As Lord Eglinton and Lord Kelly were going alone in the coach to dine at Kelburn, they observed Campbell fowling in one of my Lord's parks, upon which he desired one of his servants to step forward and desire Campbell to deliver up his gun, or at least to desist from shooting. However, upon mentioning to Lord Kelly that perhaps Campbell might use his servant ill, he said he would go himself and speak to the fellow, upon which he jumpt out of the coach, and told Campbell that he had often desired him not to shoot there, that he now insisted he should deliver up his gun. This Campbell refused, upon which my Lord said that he would be forced to take it from him. Campbell said that he should do it at his hazard. My Lord advanced, Campbell cocked his piece, and when retiring a few paces back, he stumbled a litle, but soon recovered himself, and immediately levelled his piece, and shot my Lord in the belley. When the servants saw him fall they were going to put the fellow to death, but my Lord interfered, and told them not to hurt him, as it would be of no use to him. They say that nothing was ever seen so noble as my Lord's behaviour, from the time he received the shot till the time of his death. I have not seen any body that can inform me of Lady Stewart's motions. . . . George joins in best compliments to you, Miss Ogilvy, Lady Stewart, and the young folks.

I am, dear Sir, your most affectionate humble servant,

JAMES STEWART.

To Sir John Stewart of Grandtully, Baronet, by Dunkeld.

303. ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS of Douglas to his brother, SIR JOHN STEWART of Grandtully.

Edinburgh, 28 July 1767.

DEAR BROTHER,—I received your last, but have been a good deal employed in bussiness, which is a very good excuse at this time for not answering so kind a letter immediately. Our cause is indeed lost here, but there is another court where justice and impartiality must prevail. The final decision here was not so great a stroke upon us as I believe upon most of our friends. Every person's character here is pretty well known, as well as their motives for their behaviour, but time and a little patience shew every thing and every man in their proper light. My affection for you and your family will not be the least diminished by the late decree, and I beg you will assure Lady Stewart of my most affectionate wishes of health and happiness to her and freinds. The Dutchess desires I would invite you to spend a week or two this summer with her at Bothwell, as likewise Lady Stewart. She goes there immediately, nor will her stay there be very long, so that in a fortnight we will expect your visit.

I ever am, dear brother,

With sincere attachment and regard,

Yours most sincerely,

A. DOUGLAS.

P.S.—The Marquiss of Lothian died this day—Tuesday.

To Sir John Stewart of Grandtully, Bart., at Murthly, near Dunkeld.

304. The SAME to the SAME.

London, 3 April 1769.

DEAR BROTHER,—I have had the pleasure of both your kind letters, and return Lady Stewart and you my most sincere thanks for the affectionate joy you took on my success. I should have wrote you much sooner, but a hurry of my affairs has of late made me rather too idle and negligent in writing to my freinds. However, thank God, all my anxiety is now over, and when I have it in my power to oblidge those who shar'd with me in my distress, I shall not lose the opportunity. Your son George, who improves daily, goes to Oxford in May next. As he will be a little hurried in first settling there, I wish your affection for him, of which he is very deserving, would allow him to be first settled there perfectly before he should come to Scotland. It is not long before he will have an opportunity of seeing you and Lady, and stay with you some time, whereas if you should insist on his coming down with us, he must break thro' the rules of the Colledge, and could not possibly be with you more than 3 weeks. I am persuaded you will see the propriety of this, and I need not say that his remaining in England a few months longer before you should see him (which would be very satisfactory both to the Dutchess and me), will induce you to forgive us for not bringing him down immediately. We shall leave this place about the 20 of this month. My desire of being in my native country and among freinds is much too strong for the amusements of London to overcome. I beg my kindest complyments to Lady Stewart's and all yours freinds, and ever am,

My dear brother,

Yours most affectionately and sincerely,

A. DOUGLAS.

To Sir John Stewart of Grandtully, Baronet, at Murthly, near Dunkeld, N. Britain.

305. ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS of Douglas to GEORGE STEWART, younger of Grandtully.

Pall Mall, 7th February 1778.

DEAR GEORGE,—You may with great justice accuse of me of every neglect in not writing to you sooner, but I hope you will in the reckoning omit one kind of neglect that is not due to me, or you, I mean not wishing to know how you do, what you are doing, and what you intend to do. You know my old frailty, pen and ink (unless necessity compells) are not my usual companions, and I only mean this short note to you to express my wishes of knowing how you have passed your time since the Christmas week, how many acts of justice you may have eloquently assisted to determine, and how many poor victims of oppression you have valiantly defended. There is one piece of information I wish to know from you, and I never asked it before, because you have not been in the situation till this last winter of knowing exactly what I might intend by it,—Does the President D[unda]s or does he not, shew either affection or attention, approbation or disapprobation, of you, when you may happen to appear before him in your profession? 'Tis his habbit to show dislike to those in his own court, when he has no regard to their freinds out of it. But I should hope, if he shews no great attention to you, he will at least profess a neutrality. Pray tell me this exactly as you feell it. I have heard to-day of the melancholly situation in which Lord Monboddo's health is. I have likewise heard of several candidates for his seat upon the bench, amongst whom is the present Sheriff Depute of Perth. Every one to enjoy that office must be three years a lawyer,—are you of that standing? Tho' I sincerely wish no vacancy may happen where Lord Monboddo may make it, yet if the fates have determined upon him, and the present Sheriff should happen

to succeed him, I see no reason why your name should not be mentioned to succeed in Perthshire.

Write to me how Lord Monboddo goes on, I hope recovering; but I own I could have wish'd you had sent me this hint for your promotion a little sooner. Tho' I may be negligent in writing to you, I always wish to hear and know from you.

I beg my compliments to your uncle, and am, my dear George, yours very affectionately,

A. DOUGLAS.

To George Stewart, Esq., Edinburgh.

306. ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS of Douglas to his brother, SIR JOHN STEWART of Grandtully. Pall Mall, 30th March 1779.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—Knowing good news is not inwilcome to you, the House of Lords yesterday gave me a full and free liberation from all further disputes in law, and the Hamilton family have now not the smallest pretensions to the smallest part of my estate. It has been long depending, and is at last happily ended. Lady Lucy joins me in kindest good wishes to Lady Stewart, Miss Stewart, and Miss Clemy. If my freind George is now with you, pray make our best compliments to him, for by his and the labour of his bretheren I have at last got free of them.

Yours, my dear brother, very truly,

A. DOUGLAS.

Sir John Stewart of Grandtully, Baronet, at Murthly, by Dunkeld, Perthshire, N.B.

307. The SAME to the SAME.

London, 17 February 1789.

MY DEAR SIR JOHN,--I received yesterday the melancholy accounts, which your letter of the 12th gave me, of Lady Stewart's death. I condole with you for the loss you have met with, and for the misfortune your family must feel at this unexpected event; but I trust you have a satisfaction and confidence in religion which will help you to bear this loss as a man ought to do. Your family are grown up to render those services to you, which your present situation most certainly requires, and I have no doubt but that they will execute their duty with zeal and affection.

I ever am, my dear Sir John, yours very affectionately,

A. DOUGLAS.

My best compliments to George.

308. The HONORABLE HELEN MURRAY, widow of Sir John Steuart of Grandtully, to her step-son, SIR JOHN STEWART of Grandtully, Baronet.

Woolmet, 22 February 1789.

MY DEAR SIR,—It's with infinit concern I heared the melancholy accounts of Lady Stewart's death confirmed in the news papers. I most sincerly sympathise with you, and all the family : a greater loss could not be, and at a time when her valuable life was of such use, and so much wanted. She's now gone, I hope, to a happyer world, and her good actions will, I'm persuaded, be remembered with affection and regard by all her children. To us short-sighted mortels this dispensation of Providence seems hard and severe; but we must remember God sees not as we see, and that it's our duty to submit to His holy will. I was in hopes I should have been able to have been with you in your

present distressed situation, but find my health so bad, it was with difficulty I could make it out to return here from Edinburgh the same day. This being the case, it's not in my power to leave home, which I regret, as you wished me with you.—Believe me, at all times, with warm affection, dear Sir, your most sincere friend and humble servant,

HELEN STEWART.

This family's compliments of most sincere condolence to you. I hope Mr. Stewart is with you.

Sir John Stewart of Grandtully, Baronet, Murthly, Dunkeld.

309. WILLIELMINA MAXWELL, LADY GLENORCHY, to SIR JOHN STEUART of Grandtully.

Barnton, by Edinburgh, the 19th of June [1784].

SIR,—I think it my duty to give you the following information, not having as yet been able to find out any other person more nearly interested in the subject of it. Yesterday afternoon, a young woman of a genteel appearance was found sitting at work under a tree near my house. Her dress was like that of a boarding-school girl, though her looks seemed to indicate her being more advanced in life. She has black eyes and hair; rather thin in the face, speaks with an English accent, and has a little brown dog, of which she seems very fond, that sits up and begs for its meat. She seem'd somewhat disorder'd in her mind, and would give no account of herself yesterday, and wished to stay out of doors in the garden all night. With difficulty I got her prevailed upon to come in, and had a careful person to stay with her all night. She slept well, and seems more composed to-day, and has just now confessed to me that she comes from East Lothian; that her father and sister are at London; and she

was left at home with a housekeeper who used her very ill, which is the cause of her elopement. Her intention is to walk from hence to your house, where she says she has near relations. She mentioned having passed a summer at Murthly before Mrs. Murray was married, and says she has two aunts who live there, but will by no means be prevailed upon to disclose her father's name, lest she should be sent back to the care of the housekeeper. I have thought proper to detain her here till such time as I receive your answer to this, which I beg may be sent immediately, with directions what is to be done with her, upon the supposition that this story is true. If it is not, I shall put an advertisement into the papers concerning her. She mentions having had a bad fever about five months ago, which leads me to think her present disorder may be the effects of that illness, and that with care and good treatment she may soon recover. I was obliged to promise she should not be sent back to the housekeeper before she told me the above.

An immediate answer will oblige, Sir, your most humble servant,

W. GLENORCHY.

Sir John Stuart, Baronet, Murthly, by Perth.

310. G. W. FEATHERSTONHAUGH to CAPTAIN STEUART, afterwards SIR WILLIAM DRUMMOND STEUART of Grandtully.

Washington, April 20, 1838.

I am very desirous of learning whether Captain Stewart ever received a letter from his very humble servant, dated St. Louis, May 13, 1837, and which the captain of a steam-boat in the service of Messrs. Chateau et Co. undertook to deliver. Now, my dear Sir, will you have the goodness to give me some information on that subject, and to say, if you received the letter in season, by what conveyance you have sent the interesting fossils and minerals I

requested you to procure, being dying of desire to know what sort of rocks and minerals you are amongst when on the Rocky Mountains and west of them. I venture also to remind Captain Stewart that he promised me something of that kind when I had last the pleasure of seeing him. There is no sort of information about those parts of the country that will not be welcome. Pray, where are you going this year, and above all, where are you bound next year? I am more interested about this last, because the fifth act of my performance drawing near, I am seriously occupied in laying the scene in those time-honoured parts, which I must see before I die. I should be glad to put myself under the protection of the powerful Prince des Nez Percés, whose name I understand to be as potent amongst the red barbarians as that of Confucius was amongst the Mongols. Two years amongst the Rocky Mountains and in California, a return by the way of Mexico, and a pleasant old age in England, thinking about red-skins, etc., and writing about geology, etc., would be a graceful sort of close. To be praised in one's old age is like getting a wet nurse for one's virtues, and must be mighty sweet. Do you find you get any older by eating the devil and drinking his broth *à la mode voyageur*? I am strong, hale, a great fancier and digester of good things, and can do my 25 miles a day on foot with pleasure.

Pray, my dear Sir, do say where you are, where you are going, and what you have been doing, above all, not forgetting the fossils and minerals.

Faithfully always,

Captain Stewart. G. W. FEATHERSTONHAUGH.

Catlin is exhibiting here.

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164. Sir John Campbell of Glenurchye, afterwards Earl of Caithness and Earl of Breadalbane, to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, stating that he had applied to his father, Sir Thomas Steuart, for a loan of £10,000 Scots, upon 'ane extraordinary occasion' he had for it, and entreating that he would use his influence with his father to grant the loan. Balloch, 14th June [16]77, ... 233

165. Thomas Steuart, afterwards Lord Balcaskie, to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, referring to the march of the forces and Highlanders to the west; that Lord Perth was received a Privy Councillor; and that Mr. James Mitchell, who shot the Bishop six or seven years previously, was condemned to be hanged at the Grassmarket. Edinburgh, 11th January 1678, ... 234

166. The Same to the Same, mentioning that he had heard from the 'hoste' (army) that the latter's son was in good health, and was shortly expected home; that Lord Montrose was expected at Edinburgh on the morrow, with a commission to levy a troop of horse for the English service; and that war was not yet declared, etc. etc. Edinburgh, 28th February [16]78, ... 234

167. The Same to the Same, stating that the French had left 12,000 men in the garrison of Ghent, and had gone to besiege Ipers; that the Dukes of Monmouth and Montrose had returned to England; that commissions had been issued for raising thirteen regiments of foot and nine regiments of horse; and that the Duke of Lorraine was reported to be at the head of his army on the

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Rhine—the marriage of Lord Lorne—the death of his grandmother, the old Marchioness, etc. Perth, 25th March 1678, . 235

168. Henry Murray in Tullibardine to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, with a letter to the latter from 'the Lady Marquess' [of Atholl], who contemplated travelling, for the loan of English money, for there was none to be had in Edinburgh. Tullibarden, 21st May 1678, ... 236

169. John Earl of Caithness, afterwards first Earl of Breadalbane, to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, written from Murthlie, whither the Earl had come in the hopes of seeing Mr. Steuart, and obtaining Mr. Steuart's influence with his father, Sir Thomas Steuart, to lend his Lordship 20,000 merks. Murthlie, 21st May [16]78, ... 237

170. John Earl of Caithness, afterwards first Earl of Breadalbane, to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, earnestly renewing the request contained in the preceding letter, as the greatest obligation that could be put on him. Balloch, 23d May [16]78, . . 238

171. Sir James Campbell of Lawers to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, at the earnest entreaty of the Earl of Caithness, renewing his request for the money above specified from Sir Thomas Steuart, his father, mentioning that the Lady Marquess of Atholl's journey was stopped, in consequence of which her Ladyship would probably not require the money which she had asked from Sir Thomas. (See No. 168.) Lawers, 3d June 1678, . 238

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172. Thomas Steuart, afterwards Lord Balcaskie, to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, enclosing the King's last speech to the Parliament; mentioning that the commissions of several of the Commissioners of Shires had been rejected by the Committee of the Convention of Estates; that Lieut.-General Drummond was arrived in Edinburgh, and all the rest except Athole, Cassillis, and Kincardine, who were still at London, and that the Duke of Hamilton had arrived with about 400 horse, that met him, etc. Edinburgh, 29th June 1678, ... 239

173. John Earl of Caithness, afterwards first Earl of Breadalbane, to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, with a letter to his father, Sir Thomas Stewart, for the use of 8000 merks, and requesting him to be his Lordship's 'solicitour' with his father to that effect. Edinburgh, 29th June [16]78, ... 240

174. James fourth Earl of Perth to his aunt, Grizel Steuart, Lady Logie-Almond, expressing his surprise and grief on account of his uncle's death, and of his inability to attend the funeral; and assuring his aunt that both duty and inclination led him to serve her and her sweet children. Drummond, 15th July [16]78, . . . 240

175. Anna Steuart, to her uncle, Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, acquainting him that the Laird of Sornbeg had 'pretended an respect' to her, and requesting his advice in the matter, which she would prefer to every other. Edinburgh, 23d July [16]78, . 241

176. Thomas Steuart, afterwards Lord Balcaskie, to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, mentioning that the Commissioner (the Duke of

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Lauderdale) and his Duchess were expected to leave Edinburgh for Court in the course of the following week, but that the 'intended marriage' between my Lord Hatton's son and my Lord Argyll's daughter might detain them longer; and mentioning also his own brother's marriage, which was to take place 'this night.' Edinburgh, 26th July 1678, ... 242

177. The Same to the Same, mentioning that he told Mistress Ann Steuart what Sir Thomas had said about her west country Laird (of Sornbeg), and how kindly he had written in her own behalf; and expressing his own opinion that 'it were a thousand pitties she were cast away on that west-countrey statesman;' sending two pounds of tobacco to Sir Thomas, also two cravats and two pair of ruffles of the best lane (lawn), and informing him that he had sprained his foot when dancing at his brother's marriage. Edinburgh, 29th July 1678, ... 242

178. The Same to the Same, mentioning that Innernytie's sister, Mistress Anna Steuart, was privately married to the Laird of Lawers, and arrangements thereanent; and that the Commissioner (the Duke of Lauderdale), when going to Court, was attended by two thousand horse, and seventeen coaches with six horses each, etc. Edinburgh, 13th August 1678, . . . 244

179. H. Philip, Amrecloss, to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, alluding to their having been both present at the marriage between the Laird of Boysack and his Lady, and states that the circumstance of the young Laird of Bonnetoune having obtained

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(incognito) 'a short glance of their neice, the Lady and heretrix of Aldie,' would probably, with Sir Thomas's assistance, result in the accomplishment of a marriage between them; and offers to give the latter and the lady's other friends satisfaction relative to the young gentleman's 'esteat, frinds, and pairts,' at any place he might appoint. Amrecloss, 15th February [16]79, . . . 246

180. Mary Countess of Caithness to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, with a present of a few apricots, and a 'littill wax candell,' which was made at Balloch, and offering, if he liked it, to provide him with more of the same sort when the bees were drowned. 20th August, [16]79, ... 247

181. The Same to the Same, acknowledging with thanks a present of oysters from Sir Thomas, and stating that if she were 'a good horsewoman,' she would go to Dunkeld to see him; and inviting him to pay her a visit at Balloch next summer. Balloch, 23d January [16]82, ... 248

182. George Haliburton, Bishop of Brechin, to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, expressing his sense of the friendship of the latter towards the Laird of Pitcur, etc. Pitcur, 13th February 1680, . 248

183. Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully to his son, John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, complaining of the Laird of Pitcur with reference to the proposed bargain between them (of the lands of Newtyle). Dunkeld, 29th February 1680, ... 249

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184. Thomas Steuart, afterwards Lord Balcaskie, to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, mentioning that the laird of Innernyte was to be buried on Thursday thereafter, at the Abbey Kirk, and that his body had been 'transported to the Troane Kirk, with toarches and linkes,' etc. etc. Edinburgh, 24th February 1680, . . 251

185. The Same to the Same, mentioning that a proclamation had been made at the Cross (of Edinburgh), in favour of the late Glenurchie, now Earl of Caithness, 'altogether to the other pretended Earl's prejudice,' and stating that Lord Caithness's dwelling-houses in that country had been demolished, etc. etc. Edinburgh, 5th March 1680, ... 251

186. Mary Countess of Caithness to Sir Thomas Stewart of Grandtully, with a small pot of ointment, which, she assures him, is a 'soverain cure for all stiches and paines in any part of the body;' sending also a pot of oranges and a few lemon cakes, 'to be eat now in the spring.' Balloch, 16th March [16]80, . . . 252

187. John Campbell, Earl of Caithness, afterwards first Earl of Breadalbane, to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, requesting him to use his influence with his father, Sir Thomas Steuart, not to press his Lordship for the repayment at the next term of a sum of money he was due to him. Edinburgh, 24th March [16]80, . 253

188. Patrick Earl of Strathmore to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, requesting the favour of his company at Balgrugo; and vowing that he would be married before him. Balgrugo, 14th April 1681, ... 254

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189. David Haliburton of Pitcur to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, requesting him to speak to his father, Sir Thomas, to lend the former £1600 Scots, to enable him to pay a pressing creditor. Pitcur, 13th May 1681, ... 255

190. The Same to the Same, requesting him to speak to Sir Thomas, his father, to lend him 1000 merks on bond, to enable him to pay part of a debt of 5000 or 6000 merks he was owing to David Crichton of Edemstoun. Pitcur, 25th May 1681, . . . 255

191. John first Earl of Breadalbane to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, with annualrents, and thanks for continued loan of the principal. Balloch, 2d December 1681, ... 256

192. Thomas Steuart, afterwards Lord Balcaskie, to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, expressing his anxiety on account of the health of the latter, acknowledging his great obligations to him, mentioning that 'Sir John Atton's persuite against Innernytie' was decided in the children's favour, etc. etc. Edinburgh, 31st March [16]82, 256

193. The Same to the Same, expressing his sense of Sir Thomas's 'more than fatherly kindness' towards him, mentioning that his business at Edinburgh 'continued still very cross,' and that he would not wait on it longer than till the beginning of the following week. Edinburgh, 12th July 1682, ... 258

194. The Same to the Same, thanking Sir Thomas for the joy he was pleased to wish him (on the occasion of his marriage), and

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acknowledging that he was indebted to him for the happiness he enjoyed: concluding with stating that Lady Tarbat was 'desperately ill of an ague.' 31st August 1682, ... 259

195. Sir Thomas Steuart, Lord Balcaskie, to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, thanking him for the sympathy he had evinced for him on the occasion of his brother's death, etc. Edinburgh, 8th January [16]84, ... 260

196 John first Marquis of Atholl to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, stating that the King had given him a commission of Lieutenantry, and requesting Sir Thomas to have threescore of his best and ablest men, well armed with guns and swords, ready to accompany him to Argyllshire on twenty-four hours' notice. Tullibardine, 8th August 1684, ... 262

197. James fourth Earl of Perth to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, to send his tenants with their horses 'to carry dails and timber for jeasts,' from Strowan's saw-mill in Rannoch, to the new Tolbooth at Crieff. Drummond, 24th September [16]84, . . 262

198. Sir Thomas Steuart, Lord Balcaskie, to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, that he had had a letter from Sir William Bruce, stating that the young Lady Aldie was well, and still at the baths with her sister, etc. Edinburgh, 4th November 1684, . . 263

199. The Same to the Same, on the last illness and death of King Charles II., and the accession of his brother; describes the former

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as not only the best of kings, but the best of men, and that he died as the best of Christians. Edinburgh, 12th February 1685, . 265

200. The Same to the Same, intimating that the Duke of Queensberrie had been appointed Commissioner for the ensuing Parliament, and that his Grace and the Lord Chancellor were expected in Edinburgh soon, and that his Lordship, with Lord Balcarres, the Lord Register, and the Lord Justice-Clerk, had hired a 'coach' to go and meet them on the way, etc. Edinburgh, 1st April 1685, . 266

201. The Same to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, thanking God that he had the great and good news to tell him that the Earl of Argyle was taken and brought prisoner to Glasgow, and committed to the keeping of Lord Wintone, to whom he was brought by Lord Cochrane: and stating that the King's forces, under the command of Lord Dumbarton, were in pursuit of the rest of the rebels. Edinburgh, 19th June [16]85, ... 268

202. The Same to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, wherein he states that the Earl of Argyle was to die on Tuesday next, but whether to be 'headed or hanged' he could not tell, and requests him (the Laird) to be in Edinburgh about that time. Edinburgh, 28th June [16]85, ... 269

203. The Same to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, sending a printed account of the taking of the Duke of Monmouth by the Dorsetshire Militia, 'in a dry ditch, within hedges, sound asleep, covered with some of the branches of the trees and grass to hide

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himself,' and stating that the King, upon the news of the Duke's capture, sent the £5000 that was put upon his head to be divided amongst the Militia; and that the Duchess of Monmouth and her children were put into the Tower; also that Lord Gray was taken, etc. Edinburgh, 14th July 1685, ... 270

204. The Same to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, announcing that his wife had given birth to twins—a son and a daughter—on the previous Saturday; that the boy was Sir Thomas's god-son, and that the girl was named Margaret, after her great-grandmother Lady Colingtowne; and sending the News Letter and Gazette, with a printed account of the late expedition and defeat of the rebels, etc. Edinburgh, 21st July 1685, ... 271

205. The Same to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, stating that he was going to Windsor to kiss the King's hands. London, 5th September 1685, ... 273

206. The Same to the Same, referring to the subject of the foregoing letter, and stating that his Majesty was pleased to be very civil to him; sending to Sir Thomas Steuart his 'consultation from the King's physicians,' and alluding to the difficulty that private persons had in keeping clear of the disputes of the two leading parties in the State. Windsor, 15th September 1685, . . 274

207. The Same to the Same, wherein, after referring to a 'groundless lybell' raised before the Council against the latter, and offering to assist him with reference thereto, he mentions that the Duke

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and Duchess of Hamilton were on their way home. Edinburgh, 6th November 1685, ... 275

208. Helen Mercer to her uncle, John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, expressing regret that her grandfather (Sir Thomas) had suffered so much during the winter, and stating that her own health was not at all improved by the baths, but that, at the urgent entreaties of her sister, she was to go to consult the 'sherurgens' in Paris. London, 12th May 1685, ... 276

209. John first Earl of Breadalbane to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, requesting him to appoint some one in Edinburgh to receive the sum of money his Lordship had from him on bond. London, 14th July [16]85, ... 278

210. Mary Countess of Caithness and Breadalbane to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, thanking him for his endeavours to prevail on his father to receive some money which her Ladyship 'stood engaged for' to him. Balloch, 13th October [16]85, . 279

211. Grizel Mercer to her uncle, John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, with news from the French Court, as to the audience of the Polish ambassador, the abjuration of the Protestant religion by the Duke of Richmond, etc. etc. Paris, 25th October 1685, . 279

212. Jean Steuart, widow of Sir James Mercer, to her brother, John Steuart of Grandtully, mentioning a report that her sister Grizel was going to Italy. Meiklelour, 24th February 1686, . . 281

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213. William Hay, Perth, to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, about the family affairs, Lord Newark, and his 'good lady.' Perth, 14th January 1687, ... 281

214. John first Earl of Breadalbane, to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, on the affairs of their pupil, the young Laird of Tullineidie. Balloch, 25th August [16]87, ... 282

215. The Same to the Same, on the same subject. Balloch, 30th August [16]87, ... 283

216. David Fotheringhame of Poury, to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, requesting him as a favour to appoint Mr. George Thomson to the church and parish of Kinclevin. Poury, 8th September [16]87, ... 284

217. Thomas Fotheringhame, younger of Poury, to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, by the hands of the said Mr. George Thomsone, expressing a hope that he would favour his father and himself, by presenting Mr. Thomsone to the church of Kinclevin. Pourie, 8th September [16]87, ... 284

218. Patrick Ramsay, writer in Edinburgh, to Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, about the lawsuit of the latter against the feuars of Glenqueich, and that the French King was making preparation for war, which was thought to be with a view to support his pretensions to succeed to the Crown of Spain, etc. Edinburgh, 5th December 1687, ... 285

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219. The Same to the Same, mentioning the execution of Mr. Stainfield for the murder of his father, Sir James Stainfield of Newmilnes, as stated in the preceding letter; that Sir George M'Kenzie was received as King's Advocate, and Sir John Dalrymple as Justice-Clerk and Lord of Session a few days previously, etc. Edinburgh, 27th February 1688, ... 286

220. Colin third Earl of Balcarres to Sir George Mackenzie, congratulating him on his appointment as Lord Advocate. Edinburgh, 28th February 1688, ... 287

221. John first Earl of Breadalbane to Sir Thomas Stewart of Grandtully, that he would send Sir Thomas's annuals the following week; and not to trouble James Campbell of Turreich with caption. Balloch, 16th April [16]88, ... 288

222. William Hay to John Steuart, younger of Grandtully, informing him that Captain Hamilton had been killed in the Castle by a brother of Alkamouttes, and that 'honest Gosfourd,' with two English gentlemen and two Italians, and another, had been drowned by the upsetting of a small boat. London, 26th May 1688, ... 289

223. Sir Thomas Steuart of Balcaskie to John Steuart of Grandtully, intimating the death of Sir Thomas Steuart of Grandtully, and that the body had been 'prepared and preserved,' so that it would keep well for five or six weeks to await the return of his son. Edinburgh, 21st August [16]88, ... 289

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224. James Marquess of Drummond to Mr. William Drummond, brother to Logie Almond, complaining of the conduct of his friends in Scotland for not supplying him with money. Hamburgh, 26th December 1704, ... 291

225. The Same to the Same, on the subject of the previous letter, and complaining bitterly of the want of proper supplies of money, etc. Hambourg, 24th February 1705, ... 292

226. The Same to the Same, expressing disappointment at the non-payment of the 'pretended allowance,' and vowing that the person who had been the author of so much misery to him, would be treated 'as a rascall,' and that he would have wished Mr. Drummond 'joy of matrimony' sooner, had he not been occupied with his melancholy position. Hambourg, 28th April 1705, . . 294

227. George first Earl of Cromartie to her Majesty Queen Anne, alluding to the indignities to which he had been subjected, and the injustice that had been done to him, and that he had sent his son to explain to her Majesty, if she should think proper to call upon him to do so, his Lordship's views with reference to the further fixing and establishing of the Union, which he declares 'was certainly produced by her Majesty's royal prudence and peculiar care,' etc. Edinburgh, 5th October 1708, . . . 295

228. From Archibald Cockburn, younger of Langtou (?), to [Sir James Mackenzie of Royston], giving a circumstantial account of the battle of Malplaquet or Mons, which, he states, lasted seven

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hours, and was attended with a loss to the English of 15,000 men, a great many generals and field-officers, among whom was Lord Tullibardine. Dated, From the Field of Battle, 1st September 1709, ... 297

229. James second Duke of Queensberry to Lord Roystoun, transmitting to him the Queen's commission to succeed the Lord Grange (now made Lord Justice-Clerk) as Lord of Justiciary. Whitehall, 22d July 1710, ... 300

230. John Earl of Mar to Lord Royston, congratulating him on his appointment as a Lord of Justiciary. Whitehall, 22d July 1710, 300

231. Anne Duchess of Buccleuch and Monmouth to Sir James Mackenzie, Lord Royston, referring to a malicious accusation made by Walter Laing, one of her Ladyship's servants, against Sir William Calderwood, and attributing it to the 'folly and malice' of the accuser, and stating that Sir William 'never spoke one ill word of Laing.' London, 30th December 1710, . . . 301

232. The Same to the Same, expressing her satisfaction that his Lordship was to go on the southern circuit, and her regret that she could not be at Hawick herself to make him welcome, etc. London, 29th March 1711, ... 302

233. The Same to the Same, about the auditing the accounts of Mr. Robinson, her 'unjust steward.' London, 2d October 1712, . 303

234. The Same to the Earl of Cromartie and Lord Royston, agreeing to

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contribute for the support of the Episcopal minister in Dalkeith on certain conditions. London, 6th April 1714, . . . 303

235. The Same to Lord Royston, transmitting a commission to Walter Laing to be her Chamberlain, on condition of his giving up all the farms which he held. London, 16th September 1718, . 304

236. The Same to the Same, complaining of the conduct of Lord De Lorain, her son, towards her; and stating that she must defend herself as best she could. London, 23d February 1719-20, . 305

237. The Same to the Same, informing him that she had the agreeable prospect of seeing Lord Dalkeith married to Lady Jean Douglas, sister of the Duke of Douglas. London, 2d February [1720,] . 306

238. The Same to the Same, alluding to the disappointment of her hopes with respect to the marriage of her grandson, which she imputes to 'her noble grace of Queensbury,' who had more power than she deserved, etc. London, 4th March [*c.* 1720,] . . 306

239. The Same to the Same, intimating that she had retained Mr. Kennedie and Mr. Dundass, as her counsel, in the cause between herself and her son, Lord De Lorain, etc. [*c.* March 1720,] . 307

240. The Same to the Same, about the Memorial concerning the honours and estate of her family; that Lord Ialy, to show his favour to Lord De Lorain, had searched the records relative to her Ladyship's titles, and was telling in the House of Peers that Harry would be Duke of Buccleuch, failing the heirs-male of Francis. London, 30th May [*c.* 1720,] 307

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241. The Same to the Same, that she would send him Mr. Hamilton's opinion concerning her titles; and that the inquisitive Lord [Hay] was but half informed of that business, as some of the relative papers were in her Ladyship's charter room. London, 11th June [*c.* 1720,] 308

242. The Same to the Same, to consult the Lord Advocate and any other lawyer, in reference to Lord De Lorain's lawsuit. Chelsea, 15th September [*c.* 1720,] 309

243. The Same to the Same, referring to the debts of Lord Dalkeith, and that she would not lay out more money on the house at Dalkeith than was necessary to finish the stairs, tho' she was desirous to see draughts (plans) for the Courts, and to know the expense. London, 30th July 1724, ... 309

244. The Same to the Same, thanking him for going to Dalkeith to see the progress of the work; expressing her satisfaction with the skill of 'her own Gibb' as a draughtsman; and stating that she would gladly oblige the Marquis of Anendale with some deer. London, 19th November, ... 310

245. The Same to the Same, intimating the death of her grand-daughter, Lady Dalkeith, of the small-pox, at Langly, on the Sunday morning previously; whom she calls 'as good a young woman as ever she knew.' 4th September [1729,] 311

246. The Same to the Same, intimating that they must preach patience

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and justice to the Parson of Yarrow, who wants both, and covets his neighbour's grass, etc. London, 11th March [no year,] . 311

247. The Same to the Same, intimating that she would get 'no lead' till the Act of Parliament was found, which Lord (Ilay) asserted was made at her marriage with the Duke of Monmouth, etc. London, 5th August, ... 312

248. The Same to the Same, thanking him for having visited both Dalkeith and Eastpark; she did not always find gentlemen the best tenants. London, 10th February, ... 312

249. The Same to the Same, expressing her satisfaction with the purchase of Gelmanscleuch, and that she took it very ill that his Lordship thanked her for a 'buck,' when he might have as many as he pleased. London, 25th August, ... 313

250. The Same to the Same, complimenting him as 'equalling his forbeers' in his friendship for her, as well as for other qualities, and expressing a hope that young Whitechester would be, as she was, his Lordship's humble servant. London, 18th March, . . 314

251. The Same to the Same, that she had spoken with the Advocate as he advised her, and that 'if lead would turn to account, and produced gold and silver, she would admire projects ever after,' etc. London, 21st February, ... 314

252. The Same to the Same, wherein, with reference to the purchase of some additional property, she states that it would be for her

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253. The Same to the Same, with reference to the proposed purchase of Stonihill and Muntonhall, the latter of which she was very desirous of, because it was so near East Park, and stating her wish to purchase part of Sir James Sharp's estate, as she was grown covetous to increase her land in that part of 'dear Scotland.' London, 2d March, ... 315

254. The Same to the Same, wherein she expresses her satisfaction with the result of the cause between her and Lord De Lorain, tho' it was a 'melancholy victory against a son,' and requesting him to see that her lawyers were suitably rewarded, etc. etc. London, 14th December, ... 315

255. The Same to the Same, intimating her intention of seeing Scotland again, and of bringing her young family with her. Chelsea, 12th August, ... 316

256. The Same to the Same, humorously saying that if she could fly, as some ladies have done, she would be at Hawick to receive him. London, 11th March, ... 316

257. The Same to the Same,—she 'owns to his Lordship that she had never set her heart so much upon any thing of that sort,' as the purchase of Murace. London, 1st March, ... 317

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258. The Same to the Same, alluding to a memorandum of the money which she had given Lord De Lorain, to show that she was not a very unkind mother to this 'most excellent son.' London, 15th January, ... 317

259. The Same to the Same, referring to the proposed purchase of an 'estate in the Forrest which Harden will sell,' and observing that he had not mentioned the price 'for fear of frighting her,' and expressing her desire to hear more about it, as she would be happy to purchase either in the South or about Dalkeith, etc. etc. London, 23d May, ... 318

260. The Same to the Same, sending a commission in favour of Mr. Charles Scott, brother of Gorinberie, to be her chamberlain; and wishing to know how she was to purchase Harden's estate, and how she would be able to answer a new debt before she has cleared others. London, 3d December, ... 319

261. David third Earl of Wemyss to Sir James Mackenzie, Lord Royston, in reference to the delivery to the former of some pictures at Royston House, which had been given to the Earl by the late Earl of Cromertie. 22d January 1718, ... 319

262. John sixth Earl of Wigtown to Thomas Drummond of Logie-Almond, intimating the death of his Countess, and requesting him to be present at the funeral, in terms of her wish expressed before her death. Combernald, 11th April 1720, . . . 320

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263. John sixth Earl of Wigtown to Mr. William Drummond, brother to Thomas Drummond of Logie-Almond, intimating the death of his Countess, and requesting that he would attend the funeral on the 20th instant. Combernald, 11th April 1720, . . 320

264. David Drummond, Edinburgh, to Thomas Drummond of Logie-Almond, intimating the death of Lord Perth on the 6th, and his interment in the Chapel of the Scots College at Paris on the 9th instant; and that his Lady and her two sons were gone to France. Edinburgh, 18th April 1720, ... 321

265. John Steuart, afterwards third baronet of Grandtully, to his brother, Sir George Steuart of Grandtully, Baronet, on the prospect of his marriage with a young lady of family and fortune. Bruxels, 30th September 1721, ... 322

266. The Honourable John Drummond, second son of James fourth Earl of Perth, to Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond, congratulating him upon his approaching marriage with Mistress Grizel Leslie, daughter of David Leslie, second Lord Newark. Drummond, 31st July 1722, ... 323

267. Lady Jean Mackenzie, relict of Sir Thomas Steuart, Lord Balcaskie, to her son, Sir George Steuart of Grandtully, expressing her thankfulness for his perfect recovery from an illness; and mentioning that Lord Garlies and Lady Catharine Cochrane were to be married on the following day, etc. Edinburgh, 6th January 1729, ... 323

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268. The Same to the Same, wherein she complains that Lord Tarbat deals hardly with her, and states that she is to call an agent and consult an advocate in the cause, and requests that Sir George would assist her with some money. Edinburgh, 12th May 1729, 324

269. John Steuart, afterwards third Baronet of Grandtully, to his brother, Sir George Steuart of Grandtully, contradicting the report of his going abroad, which had caused his creditors to press him; alluding also to the Duchess of Queensberry's answer to the Vice-Chamberlain when he was sent to discharge her from Court. Edinburgh, 16th March 1729, ... 325

270. Alexander M'Kenzie of Prestonhall, sometime Fraser of Fraserdale, to Lord Royston, referring to a letter from the latter in relation to his transaction with 'Boufort,' as to the estate of Lovat, and requesting Lord Royston to act as his friend in that matter. Aberdeen, 12th January 1729, ... 327

271. Alexander M'Kenzie of Prestonhall, sometime Fraser of Fraserdale, to Sir George Steuart of Grandtully, giving him accounts of the health of his nephews, and alluding to current rumours, 'that we are to have a peace soon, at the expense of restoring Gibraltar and Port Mahon to the Spaniards,' etc. etc. Edinburgh, 27th March 1729, ... 330

272. The Same to the Same, wherein he expresses his disappointment at not being able to enjoy the pleasure of his 'good company' during the Christmas holidays, seeing that his son's process was

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to be brought into the Inner House on the following day, and would last a week, etc. etc. Edinburgh, 22d December 1729, . 332

273. Lady Henrietta Mordaunt, Dowager of Alexander second Duke of Gordon, to Lord Royston, informing him that the Earl of Aboyne had, contrary to expectation, resolved to claim his right of tutory to her son, and requesting that his Lordship would assist her in baffling this design. Gordon Castle, 19th November 1729, . 336

274. George third Earl of Cromertie to his uncle, Lord Royston, expressing his satisfaction at the approval by the latter of the Earl's giving his son the title of (Lord) Macleod, etc. Tarbet House, 2d April 1731, ... 337

275. Alexander Robertson of Strowan to Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond, expressing his readiness to furnish the latter with 100 trees of 20 feet in length, etc. Hermitage, 7th April 1732, . 338

276. William Drummond, writer in Edinburgh, to Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond, stating that Lord Strathallan and Lord John Drummond and Lady Perth were just setting out for Berwick to bring in Lord Perth, her Ladyship's son, who was coming from England; also that there had been so much land to sell near Perth, that 'nobody had meddled with any of it,' but that Sir George Stewart would buy Kercock. Edinburgh, 14th November 1732, ... 338

277. The Same to the Same, wherein he mentions that his Chief (the Duke of Perth) was arrived, and seemed to be a mighty sweet

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tempered obliging youth, very like his father, etc. Edinburgh, 24th [November] 1732, ... 339

278. The Same to the Same, wherein he states that the Duke of Perth's uncle, Lord Edward, had recommended his Grace to keep in good friendship with all his name, and particularly with the Laird of Logiealmond, and that his Grace was 'very much determined to act accordingly,' etc., etc. Edinburgh, 27th November 1732, ... 340

279. John Drummond, commonly called Lord John Drummond, second son of James fourth Earl, created Duke of Perth, to Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond, stating that the Duke of Perth, having perused a letter from the Laird to Lord John, intended himself to write to him, to explain his sentiments in relation to the Duchess, his mother, and his friends; and that he intended to keep a good correspondence with all his friends till he could change her Grace's sentiments towards them. 4th December 1732, 343

280. The Same to the Same, wherein he mentions that the Duke of Perth was to live at Stobhall with the Duchess, his mother, but that he was to be at Drummond as often as possible, for her Grace would by no means part with him. Drummond, 16th March 1733, ... 344

281. The Same to the Same, expressing his great regret that the state of health of the latter prevented him from being present with the former at Drummond on the occasion of the Duke of Perth's 'first riding his mercat,' etc., etc. Drummond, 3d October 1733, 345

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282. Lady Jane Douglas, afterwards Steuart, to Lord Royston, recommending to his Lordship's favourable consideration the case of the lawsuit of the minister of Dun, depending before the Lords of Session. 15th November 1737, ... 346

283. George Drummond of Blair-Drummond to Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond, intimating the death of his father, and that he was to be interred 'with all private decency' on Friday. Blair-Drummond, 26th March 1739, ... 347

284. John Drummond, commonly called Lord John Drummond, second son of James fourth Earl, created Duke of Perth, to Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond, acknowledging a letter of condolence from the latter on the occasion of the death of his wife's father, Lord Traquair, etc. Fernton, 8th August 1741, . . . 348

285. Alexander Robertson of Strowan, to Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond, stating that his mill had not sawn a hundred deals since May, but the first rain that fell he should be served; and mentioning that his greatest enemy had been removed from the ministry, etc. Carse, 27th August 1742, ... 349

286. Sir James Mackenzie, Lord Royston, to his grandson, John Stewart, son of Colonel John Stewart, intimating to the latter the death of his [Mr. Stewart's] uncle, George Mackenzie, only son of Lord Royston. Edinburgh, 16th May 1744, ... 350

287. William Moir, Slains, to Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond, at

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the Countess of Erroll's desire, intimating the death of Mr. Hay of Delgaty. Slains, 30th July 1745, ... 350

288. Colonel John Stewart, afterwards of Grandtully, to Mr. William MacEuen, W.S., Edinburgh, expressing a hope that his [the Colonel's] son's affairs had cleared up, after the shock he had met with from the misrepresentation of his circumstances, and alluding to a false report current of the death of his brother (Sir George Stewart of Grandtully). Hague, 6th February 1747, . 351

289. The Same to his son, John Stewart of Farnese, afterwards of Grandtully, stating that he had left the Hague for Utrecht, in hopes to find the air there less moist, and that he purposed going to Aix-la-Chapelle for the season. Hague, 7th February 1747, 352

290. Lord John Drummond to Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond, informing him that his nephew, the fourth Duke of Perth, died at Antwerp on the 28th of the previous month, where he had been attended by Lady Clifford, etc. Fairntoun, 9th October 1747, . 353

291. The Same, as Duke of Perth, to the Same, accepting the offer which Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond made, of desiring his Lady to meet the Duke, to talk with him of such things as he did not care to write about. Fairntoun, 17th November 1747, . 354

292. The Same to the Same, thanking him for writing to the Laird of Lundin, requesting him to visit and commune with the Duke, but declining to meet him [Lundin] should he persist in making a claim to the estates founded upon a penal law against Catholics. Fairntoun, 20th March 1748, ... 355

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293. The Same to the Same, informing him that he intended to do Lundin all the justice he could expect to do for himself, by taking advantage of his being a Protestant to claim the honours and estates of the Duke of Perth. Fairntoun, 21st May 1748, . 357

294. The Same to the Same, expressing his gratification at the kind of reception he and his wife had met with from the Countess Dowager of Traquair, and highly commending the young Lady Traquair, but whose health had been impaired by her confinement with her husband in the Tower of London. Edinburgh, 12th August 1748, ... 358

295. The Same to the Same, complaining that Lundin's Protestant title had made him too officious in meddling with the Duke's concerns, but to maintain a good understanding with him, he had yielded to his demands. Fairnton, 16th March 1749, . . 359

296. Lady Jane Douglas, wife of Sir John Steuart of Grandtully, to Andrew Fletcher, Lord Milton, requesting his Lordship to honour her with an interview at Lady Mary Hamilton's house in Edinburgh. Hope Park, 6th February 1753, ... 360

297. Colonel John Steuart, afterwards of Grandtully, to his son, John Steuart of Farnaze, lamenting the death of Lady Jane, his wife, and complaining of the unkindness of his son's uncle. London, 25th December 1753, ... 361

298. The Same to the Same, enclosing a letter to Thomas Drummond of

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Logiealmond, containing a request for the loan of £200. London, 20th March 1754, ... 363

299. Helen Hewitt to Sir John Steuart of Grandtully, sympathizing with him and his mother on the death of his father, Sir John. Edinburgh, 24th June 1764, ... 365

300. James Stewart, Writer to the Signet, Edinburgh, to his brother-in-law, Sir John Steuart of Grandtully, informing him of the evidence of Pierre la Mare favourable to Sir John's brother, Archibald Douglas of Douglas, in the case against the Hamiltons. Edinburgh, 10th December 1764, ... 365

301. The Same to the Same, condoling with him and Lady Steuart on the death of their child, Archibald. Edinburgh, 29th December 1764, ... 367

302. The Same to the Same, informing him of the circumstances connected with the death of Lord Eglinton, who was shot by one Campbell, who was poaching on his Lordship's grounds. Edinburgh, 3d November 1769, ... 368

303. Archibald Douglas of Douglas to his brother, Sir John Stewart of Grandtully, adverting to the adverse decision in the case of his family in the Court of Session, and stating his intention to enter an appeal. Edinburgh, 28th July 1767, ... 369

304. The Same to the Same, mentioning that Sir John's son, George, was to go to Oxford in May following, and proposing that he should

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remain a few months in England before returning to Scotland. London, 3d April 1769, ... 370

305. Archibald Douglas of Douglas to George Steuart, younger of Grandtully, inquiring 'how many acts of justice' he 'may have eloquently assisted to determine,' and as to the behaviour of Lord President Dundas to him, and proposing that in the event of the Sheriff of Perth succeeding Lord Monboddo on the Bench, he [George Steuart] should succeed to the office of Sheriff of Perthshire. Pall Mall, 7th February 1778, ... 371

306. Archibald Douglas of Douglas to his brother, Sir John Stewart of Grandtully, mentioning that the House of Lords had set aside the pretensions of the Hamilton family to any part of his estate, and that his case had been happily ended in his favour. Pall Mall, 30th March 1779, ... 372

307. The Same to the Same, acknowledging receipt of intimation of Lady Steuart's death, and condoling with Sir John on the occasion. London, 17th February 1789, ... 373

308. The Hon. Helen Murray, widow of Sir John Steuart of Grandtully, to her stepson, Sir John Steuart of Grandtully, Baronet, expressing sympathy with him in the bereavement he had sustained by the death of Lady Steuart. Woolmet, 22d February 1789, ... 373

309. Wilhelmina Maxwell, Lady Glenorchy, to Sir John Steuart of Grandtully, mentioning that a young woman of genteel appear-

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ance, but somewhat disordered mind, with a little dog, had been found sitting near Lady Glenorchy's house, having left home to escape from the ill-treatment of the housekeeper, and had expressed the intention of going to Murthly, where the young woman said she had near relations, and that the writer had detained her in the meantime. Barnton, 19th June [1784], . 374

310. G. W. Featherstonhaugh, Washington, to Captain Steuart, afterwards Sir William Drummond Steuart of Grandtully, inquiring if he ever received a previous letter, and by what conveyance he had sent the interesting fossils and minerals, and desiring to know what sort of rocks and minerals he was amongst when on the Rocky Mountains, and saying that two years there, a return by Mexico, and a pleasant old age in England writing about geology, etc., would be a graceful close of life. Washington, 20th April 1838. 375

APPENDIX OF ADDITIONAL LETTERS.[1]

I.—Seventeen Letters from Prince James-Francis-Edward Stuart, assuming the Title of King James the Third of England, and Eighth of Scotland, chiefly to Admiral Thomas Gordon of the Russian Navy. 1716-1730.

311. Coppie of the King's Letter upon his retreat from Scotland.—[1716.]

I beleeve none of yow can doubt of the constant and ardent desire I have long had of doing all that was in my power for making this nation a free and happie people. Ever since, and even before, the last Dunkirk expedition, my

[1] It is unnecessary to say more than a few words in explanation of these letters which relate to James-Francis-Edward, well known as the Chevalier St. George, the son of King James the Seventh of Scotland and Second of England, who abdicated the throne in 1688.

The letters, the first seventeen of which were written by the Chevalier himself, form an interesting chapter in the history of the exiled royal family of Stuart, and they are not known ever to have been printed. They have reference to successive attempts made by the exiled Prince to induce the Emperor Peter the Great, the Empress Catharine, and Peter the Second, all of Russia, to restore James to the throne of his ancestors by force of arms. Admiral Gordon, who held high office under the Emperor of Russia, was the intermediary between the Emperor and the exiled Prince, from whom he received ample powers as plenipotentiary. These negotiations did not result in any practical benefit for James.

These letters would be valuable in a collection of the correspondence of any Scottish family. They are peculiarly appropriate in the present work, which relates to a branch of the family of Steuart, whose chief, on the occasion of his visit to Scotland in 1716, was received as a guest by John Steuart of Grandtully, as shown in the memoir of him in the Introduction.

The original Letters belong to George Stirling Home Drummond, Esquire, of Blair Drummond and Ardoch, who has inherited them as the representative of Sir Henry Stirling of Ardoch, who married the daughter of Admiral Gordon, to whom chiefly the letters are addressed. Mr. Home Drummond has kindly lent the letters for the use of this collection.

thoughts were fully bent that way, and my heart was here, though I could not come in person amongst yow. A series of unlucky accidents and misfortunes constantly interveen'd to retard my passage, and the hopes of a more universall riseing oblig'd me, much contrary to my inclination, to deferr it, in the prospect of attaining att last our end with more security and less hazard to my faithfull servants. But I had no sooner an account of your being in arms for mee, but I laid aside all other motives and considerations and came immeadiately to join yow, to share in person with yow the dangers and toil of so glorious an undertaking, full of hopes that wee might both soon reap the fruits of our labours, and that our freinds, both at home and abroad, would concurr with us, without which hopes I should never have consented to your taking up arms, much less have encouraged yow to it.

The dismall prospect I found here att my arrivall did not discourage me. The same motives that brought me here made me neglect nothing when come for your delivery, and to stick to the last extremity by them who were so unanimously engag'd in my cause.

Since that time affairs have growen dayly worse and worse; many freinds att home were slow of declaring. The defeat at Preston, and the securing many noblemen and gentlemen depriv'd us of all succour from the south, and att the time wee wanted so much necessaries from abroad for mentaining ourselves here, the delay of them, and the vast inequality betwixt us and the enemy made our retreat from Perth unavoidable, as all men must see who know our circumstances, and that to have stood it then would have only served to sacrifice yow all, without any possibility of success. But however necessary that retreat was, it putts our affairs here in a most desperate condition. By abandoning all the south, wee shall be block'd up in a corner of the countrey, without money, may be bread, and without any more hopes of succour from abroad, by our loosing allmost all the sea-ports, join'd with the enemies' crusers,

who, having but a small coast to guard, could easily hinder any succours coming to us. I could not behold the extremity wee were reduc'd to without the last greef and concern, less on my own account than yours. Your safety and wellfare was, I may say with truth, my only view, and towards the provideing for that, all my thoughts were bent, and I resolved not to lett your courage and zeal carry you so far as to serve for your own intire ruine at last without doing any good to mee or yourselves: And whereas I considered that there were no hopes att present of retriving our affairs, the whole bussiness was to secureing your lives in such a manner as to be yet again in condition in appearing in a more favourable occasion. And as I look'd on my remaining amongst yow not only as useless, but as even distructive to yow (convinc'd as I am that yow would never abandon mee,) and that therfor my stay could only serve to involve yow in greater difficulties, I took the party to repass the seas, that by that I might leave such as cannot make their escape, (towards which nothing on my side has been neglected,) in full liberty to take the properest measures for avoiding att least utter ruine, for which end I have given power to . . . . . ,[1] in the mean time, to command the army till dispersed, to act, and in all things to contribute as much as in him lyes to your common safety.

It was nothing less than possitive command could prevail on the Duke of Marr to accompany mee on this occasion, but though his desires to remain and share with yow in all your misfortunes were most vehement, and worthy of that character he has deservedly gott amongst yow, yet I could not hearken to his repeated instances, his probity and experience makeing his presence absolutely necessary with mee. As for my own particular, a cruel necessity, 'tis true, obliges mee att this time to leave you, but with the view not only of your own wellfare, but of obtaining such succours as may effectually releive

[1] Blank in the original copy.

yow, full of hopes that the justice of a cause which has been so generously supported by yow will not forever be abandoned by that Divine Providence which hath hitherto never abandon'd mee, and that soon a more happy juncture may happen for our mutuall delivery. Towards it all my thoughts and application shall be turn'd. I shall be allwise equally ready to sacrifice both my pains and even my life, as long as it lasts. I shall ever pursue, with the uttmost vigour, my just designs, and to the last moment of it retain that sence of gratitude, affection, and fatherly tenderness towards yow, which yow so justly deserve from mee; for I can say, with great truth, that your misfortunes weigh more heavy upon mee than my own; that I desire happiness only to make yow share of it with mee.

312.—From PRINCE JAMES, under the signature of "J. TRUEMAN."

[TRANSLATION—Original in French.]

9th January 1717.

YOU will excuse, I trust, sir, if I dispense with all ceremony in this letter in order to secure it from any accident, the secret being of so great importance on both sides. You may easily judge with what joy I have learned the sentiments which you have had the goodness to entertain towards me, and you will, I trust, do me the justice to believe that I will do my best to deserve and to cultivate them. Nothing in the world could be of greater importance to me than what you meditate in my favour in regard to Mr. Foster; and if words fail me to testify my gratitude for it, I dare also say, that it is a project worthy of you in every respect, and which cannot but be very advantageous to you in the end. For you need not doubt that, after the obligations which I owe to you, and when I shall be in possession of my right, that I will be ready to aid you to the utmost of my power to pursue your just designs. I

am delighted also to learn the good dispositions in which you are for entering into an agreement with Mr. Whitford; for it appears to me a great pity that two persons of such distinguished merit should have any misunderstanding with each other, at a time when their union could not but be useful to them in particular, and would put into their hands a fine opportunity of increasing the great reputation which they have so justly acquired, by uniting to deliver oppressed justice, in the person of Mr. Brown, and to free Mr. Crowly from the slavery under which he sighs, and in which he remains only for want of a liberator. It would seem as if heaven had reserved for you this great work, in order to crown the glory of each of you. I dare flatter myself that you will certainly not neglect so fortunate a conjuncture, and I am persuaded that Mr. Whitford has not a true friend who does not counsel him to terminate in a friendly way his differences with you. In order not to trouble you too much here, I refer to what Mr. Morphy shall tell you more in detail; but I pray you to consider how precious the time is, and that to lose it would be to frustrate your just and great designs. I send you, according to your desire, a person of confidence to remain beside you,—thanking you for the favours which you destine for him. I have endeavoured to render the choice which I have made as conformable as possible to what you wished, keeping principally in view probity and secrecy, which I believe ought to prevail, on this occasion, over every other consideration. It only remains for me to assure you of the high esteem which I have for you, and of the great desire which I have of establishing a correspondence and very close friendship between us.

I am, sir, your very humble and very obedient servant,

J. Trueman.

Dorso—Trueman pro Patria.

313.—Prince James to Admiral Gordon.

November 17, 1721.

Tho' it be long since I heard from you, I am farr from attributeing your silence to want of regard for me, while I retain for you the true frendship which I doubt not but you continue to deserve. It was with great satisfaction I heard of your master's late accommodation with his aduersary and of his haueing made so aduantageous a bargain. He will haue, I suppose, at present, many idle workmen on his hands, and a great quantity of materials of all kinds. I know his natural disposition to whateuer is great and good. Would it not, therefore, be possible to induce him to employ part of them in my fauour, the rather since he could not but find his own account also in so doing, besides the generosity of the action? He knowes, I suppose, how ripe matters are at present for such an affair, and that, at a smal trouble, he could make a sure game of it. Pray, take a proper time, the sooner the better, to represent these matters to him; and you cannot say too much of my singular esteem and friendship for him, nor of my desire of acknowledgeing his fauours in the most signal manner. I am so much conuinced of your own desire of being usefull to me that I am persuaded you will do your utmost to that effect in this occasion. I heartily wish it may be with success, and that after haueing contributed to what all honest men wish, you may reap the aduantage of it hereafter, by my haueing it in my power, as it is already in my will, to make you all those returns for your seruices which you can desire or may deserue.

To Vice Admiral Gordon.[1]

[1] The Original Letter, though unsigned, is in the holograph of James, and consists of two pages of paper, quarto size.

314.—The SAME to [the SAME.]

Rome, February 19, 1725.

WHEN you haue read the inclosed to the Emperour of Russia, you will not be surprised at my takeing all precautions that it might come safe to yow, and at my chargeing one on whose fidelity and discretion I can entirely depend to be the bearer of it. He is apprised of the whole affair, which is of such a nature as requires the most uniuersal hurry that it should be transacted directly between the Czar and me, and that you should communicate it to nobody, without exception, without the Czar's direction.

Captain Hay hath orders to follow your directions in euery thing when in your parts, and if, before you think it proper to dispatch him back to me with the Emperor's final answer, there should be occasion of writeing on these heads, great caution must be used, both as to the cyphering and conveying of letters. My letter to the Czar you will endeauour to deliuer yourself, as soon as possible, and as for that for the Duke of Holstein, which I here send you also, you will ask the Czar whether he would haue you deliuer it or not, and then do as he shall direct. It will be also requisite that you receiue the Emperour's directions as to your behauiour with Prince Dolhorouky, for tho' the friendship he hath long expressed for me deserues both my acknowledgements and my confidence, yet it is but just that the Emperour should be entire master to impart or not to whom he thinks fitt so important an affair.

I wish from my heart that the Emperour may, even for his own sake, undertake the proposed project. Neuer was there a more fauorable conjuncture for it; and he hath it now in his power to restore me alone, which may not alluayes be practicable for him.

The great trust I now repose in you is a sufficient proof to you of my ualue and esteem. I depend entirely on your zeal and prudence on this

important occasion, and I hope you may soon haue an opportunity of being justly instrumental in my restoration, by which you will justly deserue the greatest marks of my fauor and kindness.

I referr you to Mr. Hay for fuller informations and for what other directions I may haue to send yow.[1]

315. Power of Plenipotentiary by Prince James, as King, to [Admiral Gordon], to treat with the Emperor Peter the Great of Russia. 24th February 1725.

Jacobus R.

Jacobus Dei gratia Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ et Hyberniæ Rex, Fideique Defensor, etc. Omnibus et singulis ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint salutem: Quandoquidem nos plenam habemus fiduciam in amore, studio et affectione dilecti nostri

bono ejus animo erga nos nostraque commoda, et quod nobis pateat quod capax et idoneus sit usibus atque intentionibus infrascriptis nobis inservire; Nobis itaque visum est illi dare et concedere potestatem et authoritatem nostram plenariam in fines et usus infrascriptos, atque ideo prædicto per præsentes damus et concedimus plenam authoritatem et potestatem pro nobis nostroque nomine negotiare

[1] The envelope, with the address, is wanting; but the terms of the letter leave no doubt that it was addressed to Admiral Gordon. The original is in the holograph of James, and consists of three pages of paper, quarto size.

et tractare cum qualibet persona seu quibuslibet personis authoritatem et potestatem habentibus a prædilecto nostro fratre Petro Russiæ Imperatore, (conjunctim aut separatim,) de rebus omnibus et singulis quæ dicti prædilecti nostri fratris, atque nostri ipsius mutuum commodum et utilitatem spectant, atque præcipue et particulariter cum intuitu ad nostrum in regna nostra redditum, quiquidem in præsenti rerum statu videtur non minus conducere ad dicti prædilecti nostri fratris commodum quam nostrum; atque insuper et in hunc effectum prædicto damus et concedimus plenam authoritatem et potestatem initiandi et pro nobis atque ex nostra parte concludendi pacta, fœdera seu conventa qualiacunque cum personis suprascriptis vel illarum qualibet, (conjunctim et separatim, ut dictum est,) quæ dictus indicabit maxime propria et idonea ad promovendam prædicti Imperatoris atque nostri ipsius utilitatem et commodum: Quæ omnia pacta, fœdera seu conventa declaramus atque verbo principis promittimus nos confirmare et rata habere modo maxime benigno: Quod nobis visum est notum facere sub manu nostra et sigillo, quo magis pateat omnibus et singulis quos præsentes spectare poterint dictum
esse per nos creditum et plene instructum, atque sic poterint tuté ac in fide cum illo negotiare et tractare ut dictum est. Atque denique volumus quod præsentes plenam authoritatem et vim habeant ad tempus usque quo fuerint per nos revocatæ ac non ulterius nec diutius. Datum apud aulam nostram Romæ die vigesimo quarto mensis Februarij anno regni nostri vigesimo quarto annoque Domini 1725.

Per mandatum Regis.

Jo. Hay.[1]

Dorso—Potestas Plenepotentiaria per Regem, 1725.

[1] The Honourable Captain John Hay of Cromlix, in the county of Perth, who was the third son of Thomas sixth Earl of Kinnoul, and who, along with the Earl of Mar, espoused

316. PRINCE JAMES to [ADMIRAL GORDON] on the death of the Czar and the birth of another child to James.

March 26th, 1725.

I HAVE received yours of the 2d February, with the melancholly news of the Czar's death. You will easily imagine how much I am affected with it. But what you say of the present Empress gives me no small satisfaction. You will find here a letter for her, which you will deliver to her, as well as that for the late Czar, which Captain Hay will give you. I send you likeways inclosed a letter for the Duke of Holstein; and I hope you'll find matters in such a posture there as to be able to pursue the same measures you would have done had the Czar lived. I doubt not of your zeal, prudence, and dilligence, and you may be ever assured of my sincere esteem and kindness.

You will have heard that my family is happily encreased, and continues, thank God, in perfect health.[1] I do not know what you mean by Mr. Friendly, but if it be the Czarienne, as I fancy, what you suggest is complyed with. This goes addressed as you desire by your last.

JAMES R.[2]

the cause of James, for which he was forfeited by Act of Parliament. He followed the fortunes of James, and acted as one of his secretaries. Captain Hay was created by James Earl of Inverness, before the 11th November 1725, as appears from the reference made to the Earl and Countess of Inverness by James in a letter to his wife (*infra*, No. 318). On the 15th of the following month the Earl of Inverness countersigned a new power of plenipotentiary, rendered necessary by the death of the Czar.—[No. 319.]

[1] This refers to the birth of the second son of the writer, Henry-Benedict, who was born in 1725. He was made a cardinal in 1747, and he afterwards bore the title of Cardinal York. He died in 1807, being the last legitimate male descendant of King James the Second.

[2] This letter is in the handwriting of a secretary, and subscribed by James.

317. PRINCE JAMES to his wife, PRINCESS MARY CLEMENTINA.[1]

[TRANSLATED from a contemporary copy in French.]

From Rome, the 9 November 1725.

YOUR conduct towards me, the threats which have been made to me, and the intended public outrage of your retreat into a convent, do not touch me so much as the misery and the shame to which you will expose yourself by such a step. I feel it all, it is true, as I must; but as yet I have no resentment against you, for I am at each moment more convinced that the malice and the cunning of our enemies have imposed on your youth and the weakness of your sex. You must have been persuaded for a long time back, that I wish to be master in my own affairs, and in my family. But it is not yet too late to bethink yourself. Return, therefore, to reason, to duty, to yourself, and to me, who only await your submission with open arms, in order to render you peaceful and happy as far as lies in my power. But if, in spite of these last efforts of my affection, you persist in the resolution with which you have threatened me, it will always be a consolation to think that I have not neglected to dissuade you from it. I conjure you yet once more, my dear Clementina, to think of it seriously.

JAMES R.

318. The SAME to the SAME.

[Also translated from a contemporary copy in French.]

From Rome, 11th November 1725.

I AM very glad, Madam, that you have taken the part, on this occasion, of writing to me, since thereby I have an opportunity of fully explaining

[1] Mary Clementina was daughter of Prince James Sobieski, and grand-daughter of John King of Poland.

my sentiments in the same manner, wishing to avoid doing so orally, after having learned by long experience that you were so opposed to anything that came from me, that you could not listen to me with patience. I fear even that my sentiments may not have been well nor clearly explained, and I am willing to believe that you have in no way authorized the manner, not quite respectful and decent, with which they have treated with me upon these subjects.

It is certain, Madam, I have always loved you peculiarly, and that I have never desired anything more than to please you in all things, saving always reason, my honour, and the good of my affairs.

I know only too well that we have often experienced dispeace and troubles, but also I should have endured them on my part, with greater tranquillity, if I had not seen that they were caused less by the vivacity of your temperament than by your too great facility in listening to little complaints and insinuations, and in believing yourself offended in the persons of those who carried them to you; and could you only remember with what patience I suffered your angry looks for more than two years, and that at those times when you would hardly speak to me or look at me, I have taken no other course but that of silence.

I hope that you will reflect that not only have you always possessed my affection without division or rival, but that as much as my situation and my estate have allowed me, I have neglected nothing that could contribute to your satisfaction. In the matter of expense I have never limited you: you had perfect liberty of going where you would, you have seen whomsoever it seemed good to you, and you have written and received letters without constraint; and you know, moreover, that, far from encouraging your solitary and retired life, I have done my best to engage you to take more amusement, which would also have contributed to mine. But except in this, in everything and

everywhere, I allowed you an entire liberty of following your own taste and inclination, reserving to myself only the right of being master of my family, and of my affairs. I could not, Madam, recover from the surprise in which I was put by the unjust and extravagant idea with which you have been inspired against my Lord and my Lady Inverness, since neither you nor any other person has ever told me a single fact upon which it could be founded. And I think I am obliged to declare that my Lord Inverness, so far from having rendered you bad offices beside me, (which no person has ever yet had the hardihood to do,) was chiefly solicitous to avail himself of the liberty I had given him of speaking with freedom, to exhort me to patience and mildness, when he saw that I was not altogether pleased with you. And as for the Countess, both you and every one else has seen with what zeal, and even affection, she has served you during several years, and up to this hour neither the one nor the other knows in what she has failed in the respect which is due to you, which would be to fail in that which is due to myself.

You cannot forget that it is only three years ago that, seeing that my Lord Inverness was disagreeable to you, although I could neither penetrate how nor wherefore, I took away from him, according to his own desire, only to humour you, the detail of the house, in such sort that it has not been possible for him since that time to give you any cause of trouble; and since that same time his wife has not approached you except when you have demanded her, so that the prejudices which you entertain at present upon this head are of everything in the world the most inconceivable.

I was certainly incapable of counselling you to any meanness; but it is not to have a true idea of greatness to believe that it can be hurt by a gracious bearing or speech towards persons who would be shocked by any small movements of impatience or of anger.

Such being the state of things, I cannot but be equally surprised and

offended when I am threatened that unless I banish an able, faithful, and laborious minister, you will go into a convent; for even if I had been disposed to put another in his place, after such a step my honour would have found itself engaged to continue him. But, independently of this motive, in the present circumstances I could not displace him without ruining my interests, and putting my affairs into the utmost confusion. Nevertheless, wearied and afflicted with being continually exposed to your unjust anger, as he has been for so long a time, to that of my enemies, he has demanded his leave, and nothing less than my positive orders retains him with me.

See, Madam, the embarrassment in which you have put me! And what honest man would not fear to serve me after the scenes which you have given to the world? And do not be astonished if I expect that you will testify your grief for the little respect you have shown for me, and for the injury you have done to me and even to yourself by giving so unheard of an occasion of scandal; and that after you have opened your heart to me without reserve, so that I shall forget the past, and think of nothing for the future but to render you contented and happy.

As for your eldest son, it is true that I have given a general order that his governor and under-governor shall never leave him for a moment, and, in effect, they always enter with him into my room, although they may not always have gone to yours when you were dressing yourself. The reason of this order was principally to hinder him from escaping among the domestics or children, lest they should teach him nothing good. And I never imagined that you could have been offended, and take it in such a manner. But since you have made it a matter of consequence, certainly it is not my intention to hinder you from seeing the child alone, when you wish it.

In regard to Mademoiselle Sheldon, it is some time since she demanded

her leave, and I have not been too well pleased with her since. I had my reasons for removing her, and that ought not to offend you, I being the master of my household and of my children; but every one must have observed that your excess of inquietude commenced and came to a height only since I took my son from her hands, and from those of the women; although you have never said anything to me against the persons to whom I have confided him, and for whom I know you have esteem, particularly for him who managed and concluded our marriage.

I protest to you, Madam, that I am ignorant of any just ground of complaint on your part against me; for, if I knew any, I would certainly remedy it; and I am persuaded that if you give yourself leisure to reflect without prejudice, you will be touched with all that I have just written, and with the mildness and goodness of my conduct towards you, that you will repent of the past, and that you will not push things to extremities, which, indeed, you could not do, without precipitating yourself in the utmost misery, and without being responsible for it before God and man.

I am astonished and mortified that you have taken so important a resolution without the concurrence of the Prince your father, for I am persuaded that he would have done all he could to calm you, and to prevent you from following the counsel of those who do not fear to sacrifice your reputation and your repose to personal or evil views and considerations.

Behold, my dear Clementina, all that I can say upon this sad and deplorable subject. Make it, I conjure you, the matter of a profound meditation; think that it is glorious to acknowledge one's error, and that it is only by correcting it that you can render yourself happy, and do not resist any longer the last efforts of my love, which only awaits your return to awake, and never more to abate or end.

JAMES R.

319. Power of Plenipotentiary by Prince James, as King, to [Admiral Gordon], to treat with the Empress Catharine of Russia. 15th Dec. 1725.

Jacobus R.

Jacobus Dei gratia Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ et Hyberniæ Rex, Fideique Defensor, etc. Omnibus et singulis ad quos præsentes litteræ pervenerint salutem: Quandoquidem nos plenam habemus fiduciam in amore, studio et affectione dilecti nostri [1]

bonoque ejus animo erga nos nostraque commoda, et quod nobis pateat quod capax et idoneus sit usibus atque intentionibus infrascriptis nobis inservire; nobis itaque visum est illi dare et concedere potestatem et authoritatem nostram plenariam in fines et usus infrascriptos, atque ideo prædicto

per presentes damus et concedimus plenam authoritatem et potestatem pro nobis nostroque nomine negociare et tractare cum qualibet persona seu quibuslibet personis authoritatem et potestatem habentibus a prædilecta nostra sorore Catharina Totius Russiæ Imperatrice, (conjunctim et divisim,) de rebus omnibus et singulis quæ dictæ prædilectæ nostræ sororis, atque nostri ipsius mutuum commodum et utilitatem spectant, atque præcipue et particulariter cum intuitu ad nostrum in Regna nostra redditum, quiquidem in presente rerum statu videtur non minus conducere ad dictæ prædilectæ nostræ sororis commodum quam nostrum; atque insuper et in hunc effectum prædicto damus et concedimus plenam authoritatem et potestatem initiandi, et pro nobis atque ex nostra parte concludendi pacta, fœdera seu conventa qualiacunque cum personis supra nominatis vel illorum quolibet, (conjunctim et divisim, ut dictum est,) quæ dictus judicabit maxime propria et idonea ad promovendam prædictæ Imperatricis atque nostri ipsius utilitatem et commodum: Quæ

[1] Blank in the original.

omnia pacta, fœdera seu conventa declaramus atque verbo principis promittimus nos confirmare et rata habere modo maxime benigno: Quod nobis visum est notum facere sub manu nostra et sigillo, quo magis pateat omnibus et singulis quos præsentes spectare poterint dictum
esse per nos creditum et plene instructum, atque sic poterint tuté ac in fide cum illo negotiare et tractare, ut dictum est. Atque denique volumus quod presentes plenam authoritatem et vim habeant ad tempus usque quo fuerint per nos revocatæ ac non ulterius nec diutius. Datum apud aulam nostram Romæ decimo quinto die mensis Decembris anno Domini 1725, annoque regni nostri vigesimo quinto.

Per mandatum Regis.

INVERNESS.[1]

Dorso—Potestas Plenepotentiaria per Regem, 1725.

320. PRINCE JAMES to [ADMIRAL GORDON].—Holograph.

Bologna, April 3, 1727.

THIS will be giuen to you by the Duke of Liria, for whom I haue the greatest value and confidence. He will giue you all the necessary lights in relation to my affairs; and it is my intention that you should communicate with him without reserve on all that relates to them, informeing him of the present state of matters at your Court, and acting in all that concerns my seruice in concert with him while he stayes in those parts. Adress your letters as usuall, and they will come safe to me, tho' Lord Inuerness be not here. I am glad of this occasion of assureing you of my constant kindness for you.

JAMES R.

For Admiral Gordon.

[1] As already noted under No. 315, this was the Earl of Inverness, a title given by James to Captain John Hay between February and November 1725.

321. The SAME to the SAME.—Holograph.

Bologna, May 1, 1727.

THE Duke of Liria is now here, and will, I hope, be with yow soon, so that I need enter into no business here. I haue giuen him a full power in blank to deliuer to yow, and which yow will fill upp with the person's name he and yow shall think most proper, in case yow should find it nescessary to leaue any body impowered by me at your Court, when yow may happen to be employed at a distance from it.

JAMES R.

For Admiral Gordon.[1]

322. The SAME, under the name of "WILLIAMS," to [the SAME].

May 3, 1727.

WAITE has been here some days, and left us this morning to go on his journey towards Milton. You will find 437 equally, 103, 25, 37, 119, 10, 88, 3, and capable to promote Cavers there, and while he is there, Norby will govern himself in every thing that relates to Gomel by his advice. He carrys to you Richmond in blank, to be filled up if necessary, as you and he shall agree, in case of Lillys 105, 49, 28, 48, 80, 69, 25, 71, 33, 10, 93 that 270; and as he will give you all the 35, 90, 110, 20, 41, 36 necessary in 302, I shall not enter into them here, for I conclude Johnston will be with 203 a few weeks after yow get this.

Yours of the 14th February to Edwards came safe. The good opinion you have of Roberts confirms me in that I have long had of him. Make him my kind compliments. Johnston will inform Lilly of the reasons which made

[1] The seal of this letter is entire. It is impressed with the arms as now borne by the royal family; and the shield is encircled with the collar and motto of the Order of the Garter.

176 leave Dalton at this time, tho' Bond's kindness and value for him are with reason greater than ever, and shall always appear so to the world. You will continue to write by the usual addresses and canals, and I shall take care by myself, or otherways, to inform you of what is requisit. In the mean time, be assured of my constant value and kindness for yow.

Williams.[1]

323. The SAME to [PETER II., EMPEROR OF RUSSIA].

[TRANSLATION—Original in French.]

From Bologna, this 21 May 1728.

MONSIEUR my Brother, I hope that your Imperial Majesty will not the compliments which I wish to offer upon your coronation, and upon your happy and peaceful accession to the Empire.

The favourable dispositions which the late great Emperor, your grandfather, and the late Empress have shown towards me, make me hope all the more from the greatness and the generosity of your soul, with so illustrious examples to influence you still more to favour the justice of my cause, which is, in effect, that of all the legitimate sovereigns in the universe. I pray your Imperial Majesty to have the goodness to listen to what Admiral Gordon shall represent to you on my behalf; and in asking your friendship with all possible solicitude, to be persuaded of the earnestness with which I desire to cultivate it, and to be in a condition to render mine useful to you.—My brother,

Of your Imperial Majesty the good brother.

[1] This assumed name is in the handwriting of James.

324. The Same to Admiral Gordon.

May 22d, 1728.

I RECEIVED, some days ago, yours of the 10th March, and send you this under the Duke of Liria's cover as the safest channel, and shall continue to make use of it as long as he is in that countrey, and when he leaves it, shall then send my letters by the address you now give me. I formerly sent him a full power in blank, as I do now a letter of credence for you to the Czar, that you may agree together how it should be deliver'd; for I reckon this will find the Court return'd to Petersburg, and, by consequence, you will be à portée of being useful to me there. I am, indeed, affray'd there is little to be done at present in that countrey for me, but, however, one must continue to sollicite that Ministry on proper occasions in my favor, and I shall ere long send you a memorial to give to them, and you will make particular compliments from me to Prince Dolhorousky.

The good health of my family, and the near prospect of its encrease, will, I am sure, be agreable news to yow, which, with the assurance of my constant kindness, is all I have at present to impart to yow.

JAMES R.

For Admiral Gordon.

325. The Same to the Same.

Rome, March 5th, 1729.

THE distance you have been at from all business has been the occasion of my not writing to yow of a long time, tho' I am not less sensible of your constant zeal for me, and desire to promote my service on all occasions that may offer. I have been in this place for some weeks, and am in good health, I thank God, as is my family at Bologna. I thought the Queen's, my son's, and my

own pictures[1] would not be disagreable to yow, and they were given to William Hay to be forwarded to yow before I left Bologna. I shall be glad to hear from you sometimes, altho' yow should have nothing essential to say, having for you all the value and regard you so justly deserve.

JAMES R.

326. The SAME, under the name of "J. WILLIAMS," to the SAME.

Rome, November 18th, 1729.

I RECEIV'D, sometime ago, yours of the 20th May, and have since had the satisfaction to hear of your wellfare from William Hay. The distance yow are at from your Court, and the great uncertainty of publick affairs, afford us little matter for our correspondence at present, but I hope this situation shall not last long, and that on your side yow may have frequent oppertunities of being useful to me, which I am very sensible you sincerely desire, and in the meantime I shall be glad to hear sometimes from one I so much value. The family here are in good health, which, with my compliments to Sir Hary Stirling,[2] is all I have to add to the assurance of my constant kindness.

J Williams.

For Admiral Gordon.

327. The SAME to the SAME.

Rome, Aprile 1st, 1730.

I WAS glad to hear from you by yours of the 19th November. There has been great changes of late in your parts, but I should be apt enough to beleive

[1] These pictures are now at Ardoch.

[2] Sir Henry Stirling of Ardoch, in the county of Perth, was the head of a branch of the family of Stirling of Keir in the same county. Sir Henry was the son-in-law of Admiral Gordon.

they will make no great alteration in politick matters, and I heartily wish this new Government may be favorable to you personally. I find the Duke of Liria thinks he may be soon removing from that couutrey, and whenever that is, it would be the more agreable to me, if you could contrive matters so as that without any ways prejudizing your own interest, you could be where the Court is, and in that case it will be necessary you send me a new address how to write directly to you, and you will find here inclosed one from me. In the meantime, I am so convinced of your zeal and affection for me, that I doubt not of your profiting of all occasions, wherever you may be, to forward the interest of the good cause. And you may be assured that my constant kindness will ever attend yow.

JAMES R.[1]

For Admiral Gordon.

[1] Along with the foregoing letters, there is an original letter from the Emperor Peter the Great. Although it has no bearing upon the subject of the correspondence of these letters, a contemporary translation of it may here be given, as a specimen of the epistolary style of that great Emperor on a matter of business of some importance to his empire,—the discovery of coal.

"It is very necessary to us, that you would write either to England or Scotland for two men that know how to find stone coal by the marks they see upon the surface of the earth, and that they may be well experienced in their business. In doing which use your utmost endeavour.

"Preobrazenscoy,
the 21 January 1723."

II.—Seven Letters from James second Duke of Liria[1] to Admiral Gordon, relating to Prince James, under the name of King James. 1727-1728.

328. James second Duke of Liria to Admiral Gordon.

The 29 December [1727 ?].

Sir, ... I have had no letter from the King since the last you sent me. I hope in God the Queen will be safe arriued at Auignon, and that an everlasting peace will be established in the royal family.

Pray honour me with the continuation of your friendship, and beliue me for euer,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most faithfull and most obedient humble servant,

Liria.

329. The Same to the Same.

Peterbourg, the 13th January 1728.

Dear Admiral, . . . The King orders me to tell you that he is departed Auignon to return to Bolonia, where he is very much afraid of a new falling out.

[1] James Francis Fitz-James, second Duke of Liria and of Xerica, Grandee of Spain of the first Class. He was eldest son of James Fitz-james Duke of Berwick and Liria, who was son of King James the Second by Arabella Churchill, sister of John Duke of Marlborough. Like that celebrated soldier, the Duke of Berwick was a famous general. His son, the writer of these Letters, was also a distinguished officer. He was Lieutenant-General of the armies of Philip the Fifth, his Ambassador and Minister Plenipotentiary at Moscow and at Vienna, Knight of the Order of Saint Andrew of Russia, etc. etc. He was born on 19th October 1696; succeeded his father as second Duke on 12th June 1734; and died on 2d June 1738. He was ancestor of the ducal house of Liria and Xerica in Spain, now represented by the Duke of Alva.

I pray God to preuent it, and your Excellency to present my humble service to Sir Harry and his lady, and to beliue me, with utmostt esteem and friendship,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most faithfull and most obedient humble servant,

LIRIA.

330. The SAME to the SAME.

Moscou, the 22d February 1728.

SIR,—I am honoured with your Excellency's letter of the 10th instant by Mr. Hewett, to whome I shall certainly render all the seruices that can lye in my power.

The King orders me to tell you that he arriued safe at Bolonia, and that he will write to you soone. He found the Queen uery much resigned to his will, and all matters goes on very well there. She sent Mrs. Scheldon into a conuent the day before the King arriued; and his Majesty, in recompence of this condescendance, tooke back a valet-de-chambre that the Queen likes, and that he had dismissed. In all appearance all will go well, which is what we all ought to wish for.

The coronation is next Sunday without fail, so that every body is hard at worke for to appear decently at so great a feast. There is great talks of our going soone to Petersbourg, and I pray God it may be so. Pray present my humble seruice to all your family, without forgetting Sir Harry, and beliue me for euer,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most humble and most faithfull seruant,

LIRIA.

331. The SAME to the SAME.

Moscou, the 25th March 1728.

SIR,—Since the last I wrote to your Excellency, the 15th instant, I haue receiued a letter from the King, with a new full power in blanc, for to be filled up if necessary. God send we may be obliged to fill it up, thoug I am uery much afraid that now it is useless. The King and all his family was in good health, and things went on with great harmony.

The 17th instant the Czar, after an audience I had from his Majesty to notify unto him our double mariages with Portugal, honoured me with his Order of St. Andrew, which surprized me to the last degree, for I did not in the least expect it; and the galanterie with which he bestowed this honour on me, has charmed me to the last degree. Last Thursday his Majesty dined at my house, and was in uery good humour.

We haue no manner of news worth your while, and I still hope that in the month of June we shall haue the pleasure of seeing you. No body wishes it more than I, hauing the greatest impatience to make you a visit at Cronstadt. Pray do me the fauour to present my humble seruice to Sir Harry and his lady, and allso to Mrs. Gordon, and beliue me for euer and euer,

Dear Admiral,

Your Excellency's most humble and most obedient seruant,

LIRIA.

332. The SAME to the SAME.

Moscou, the 10th June 1728.

DEAR FATHER,—I begin my letter as a son accepting with great pleasure the honour you do me to adopt me, and yow will allways find me very ready to obey your commands on all occasions.

This is a uery great day, and it shall be celebrated in my house as plentyfully as can be. I am sure that at Cronstadt more then one great glass will go aboute to our dear Master's health and restauration. I shall not forgett your Excellency's health, which we generally drink euery day.

I suppose you are informed that the Queen is with child, and uery well in her health. God send she may giue us a third Prince. The King went to see the Feast of the Ascension at Venice, and I hope we shall hear by next poste of his safe return.

Jamy Keith writes to me that he would part immediately poste to come here, so that we may hope to haue him here in a uery short time. Pray if you see him before me, giue him some good aduices as to his conduct in this country.

I expect now daily Count de Wratislau, and we shall often drink together our father's health. The Czar is still in the country, and will return this week to assist at the feast I am to giue for our double marriages with Portugal.

Pray honour me with the continuation of your friendship, and beliue me for euer,

Dear father,

Your most dutyfull son and most obedient humble seruant,

LIRIA.

333. The SAME to the SAME.

Moscou, the 5th August 1728.

DEAR FATHER,—Your Excellency's letter of the 15th of last month came to my hands but three days agoe. I immediately gaue the inclosed to B. O., who desired me to say nothing of it to any body. As soone as the manifesto comes, I shall not faile sending it to yow.

We haue no manner of news here worth your while, onely that the

Princess Elizabeth is gone afoot to make her deuotions at Troitra. The great Dutchess is a great deal better, and I hope in God will soone recouer intierly.

I haue drunck your health yesterday with Count Wratislau, as we allways do when euer we meet. Pray my humble seruice to all your family, and beliue me for euer, dear father,

Your Excellency's most faithfull and most obedient humble seruant,

LIRIA.

A son Excellence Monsieur l'amiral Gordon, a Cronstadt.

334. The SAME to the SAME.

Moscou, the 11th November 1728.

DEAR FATHER,—I beg your Excellency will excuse me if I don't answer the favour of your letter of the 2d instant with my own hand, but having been blooded to day of the right arm, it is impossible for me to write.

I have had no letter of late from the King; his Majesty has been indisposed of an indigestion, but by the means of a vomit and a good bleeding, he is perfectly recovered, and the Queen goes on very well in her breeding.

I see no appearance of our returning so soon to Petersbourg, for which reason I have dismissed my house, and I can assure you that the greatest grief I have in this is my being so long without seeing your Excellency.

Pray my humble seruice to Sir Harry and all your family, and beleive me, for ever,

Dear father,

Your most faithfull and humble servant,

LIRIA.

III.—Eighteen Letters from John Erskine Earl of Mar and others relative to the Restoration of Prince James as King.

335. John Earl of Mar, under the name of "J. Carny," to [Admiral Gordon].[1] November 13th, 1716.

Sir,—I hope you have got one I wrote to you the 21st of October, in which I told you the pleasur Mr. Brown (the King) had in the assurances you gave him by our friend, of Mr. Buckly's (Czar's) good inclinations towards him, and how reddy he would be to do all that he possiblie can to improve and cultivat that friendshipe betwixt Buckly (Czar) and him, which may certainly tend to both there advantages. As I hinted in that letter, it wou'd be a great advantage if Buckly (Czar) and Faulon (Sweden) could make up matters togither, and finding by your friend that Mr. Buckly (Czar) inclined that way, all pains has been since taken by Brown (King) to facilitat that matter, he haveing more intrest with that gentelman, and some of his principle advisers, than is generally knowen, and is in all appearance like to have more very soon. I may own to you, tho' you'll easily understand the importance it is to keep it secret, that these two gentelmen, Brown (King) and Faulon (Sweden), are in a fair way of joining stokes togither in trade, and if so luckie a thing as Buckly's (Czar) leaveing his old company and joining with them two happen, they wou'd soon be able to get the better of all who wou'd come in competition with them, and get justice done themselves in all their different pretentions, there being enough to accomodat all three. Faulon's (Sweden)

[1] The original is holograph of John Earl of Mar, who commanded the troops of James at the battle of Sheriffmuir. The interlineations of the real over the fictitious names in the letter are in another and unknown hand.

stifness was what was to be most apprehended to stand in the way of this, and Brown (the King) thought the most likly way to bring him to accomodat matters with Buckly (Czar) was to insinuat to him, by some in the greatest confidence with him, who wish mighty well to Brown (the King), that Buckly (Czar) was farr from being ill inclined to Brown (the King), and that if it were not for the differences betwixt him and Faulon (Sweden), he wou'd be willing to assist Brown (King), and join with him to recover his trade. This was done in the most prudent and secret way, and I am glade to have it now to tel you that it is like to have very good effects; all irons are in the fire about it; and I have little doubt of those people, Faulon's (Sweden's) friends, for the reasons above, which they have much at heart, being able very soon to bring Faulon (K. of Sweden) to agree matters with Buckly (Czar). It must be Mr. Duddel's part to keep Buckly up in his good intentions, and not to let him too soon dispair of Faulon's comeing to reason. When he comes to try him again I am perswaded he will find him more tractable. We are told that Buckly intends a viset to his old acquentance Nealan, and I doubt not but Mr. Duddel will be with him. There is one of Faulon's friends I mention above, and a chife one with that gentelman, he knows of Duddel's inclinations, and if they chance to meet, I am confident they wou'd get things concerted to Buckly's satisfaction. I can assure you that Faulon is as much piekt and provockt at Baker as Buckly can be, and I wish the last may be as steddy in his resentment against Baker as I am perswaded Faulon will be. Brown, Buckly, and Faulon seem all to have the same rival in trade, and it will be odd, as it will be pitty, if they cannot make up matters amongst themselves, and join against him who stands in all their way. If Buckly go not himself to Nealan's, wou'd it not be worth his while to send Duddel to meet with that friend of Faulon's who is there, and is to be for some time. I have no doubt of its turning

to account, and that it wou'd succeed better than any other way Buckly can try.

I have no doubt of Mr. Duddel's doing all that's in his power for Mr. Brown's advantage, which I think farr from being inconsistent with what he ows to Mr. Buckly, and I can assure him from Mr. Brown of all the gratefull returns his heart can wish. There is one who used to be much in Buckly's graces, and with whom we hear he used to advice in the affairs of trade, and with whom Duddel used to be very well. If Duddel find it necessary, he may give this gentelman all encouragement he may in any reason expect from Brown, which I can assure you would be made good, and perhaps it may not be amiss that he be assured of this.

It will be very unluckie if Buckly and Faulon cannot make up matters betwixt themselves, for until that be done it may in a great measur prevent either of them being assisting to Brown, therefore this is a point to be labour'd by Duddel, and he may be sure that all pains will be taken with Faulon, and I hope the good effects of what has been done that way alreddy will very quickly appear. Amongst other things, there was care taken to let Faulon know (before he could know it otherwayes) that he ow'd to Buckly his not being prest in a certain thing, which with a man of his temper could not but have good effects.

As I told you in my last, the affair of Madin with Frankling and Hully is like to work good with Hammer, and all pains is taken to improve that with him. Should Hammer be brought to join in trade with the three I speak of above, they wou'd make a fine company, and that is not impossible, nor that Hammer may find it his intrest to look more favourablie on Mr. Trueman than he has done hitherto, which I am farr from dispairing may happen pritty soon.

Mr. Brown is now pritty well recovered. It will, tho', be sometime before

he can begin his voage, and I wou'd fain hope before he does it I may hear from you, on which it depends in a great measur what course he will stire.

I thought it was necessary to let you know these things without waiting a return to my last. You will comunicat it to Mr. Duddel, to whome I beg you may make my most sinceir and affectionat compliments acceptable, and also to Mr. Hindon, if still with you. I'll long impatiently to hear from you, and I know you will informe me of whatever you think can conduce to Mr. Brown's advantage, who has all the trust in you you can desire. I am, with all truth,

Sir,

Your most affectionat and most obedient humble servant,

Dorso—Pro patria. J. CARNY.

336. The SAME "to Mr. ELDERLY."

March 23d, 1718.

YOU will have with this, if you have not had before, a late account of 507[1] s. s. sllw w q g k l g q f q ling fldzhwg nv, and of the impossibility 3. pw htxsk hurxsav xwwxzh without his 7. rz annfnes kxsy S S 4. hdla frtsna. I am very sensible that 2. gsmg forno is not without its difficulties, but I cannot but be of opinion that 4. tisk xotrhly will be attended with 4. eyi wlyoiyl in process of time 4. yhyb ia S S 4, since the 507 s 5. dptrvcx ia hvkw 249. is become 8. vzo swvobfsvyto en zya fev peyfin yv lyvz S S 4. lzeao mbosv lyapeg sfp dofovbsvyef qsffev rtv nebaoo vzo qe faoctofqoa en atqz s tfyef, considering especially the 9. eipbpga bzawtazfg fo pwcfe tgq amp ecpbpga b k b a p h p, fo efxzazryb fo zab qzoopcpga E c z g r p b. In fine, in two words, so. bnq s v c q mc hgx xnqbnqd S S 4. nvr dvbnqd nvaq vhmifyvs-v t y q qhqil gh bnq bndghq gp qhoyvhr vhr bnq cviq gh bnvb gp cxqryvhr gd

c q q tgbn ahmbqr mh nmc vyylvhsq tl bnq cbdghoqcb tghrc gp mhbdbqcb mh cxqryvhr vhr odvbm barq vc xqyyvc mhbdqcb m h i q. The great sense I have of the 2. qroxowhh S S 4. has already express'd for 3 bx rbnrxs bx pwwxk htxix bnhlxki hp tsi zpaisyxknhsph, as much on 3. tsi pfa nzzpgah in bsax. I do not, indeed, pretend to 3. at xahxk sahp htx yxhnsqx pw htx pmihnzqxi there may be 3. hpf n kyr tsi gaspa fsht 507, but heartily 3. pwwxk bd niisihnazx hpfnkyi htx kxbpgxsav of them. 3. sw bd oxpkipanq txqo pk nhhxaynazx zna mx pw nad gix, they are at his 3. ixkgszx ni htx paqd htsav htnh yxoxayi on me at present 3. mgh sw nad wghgkx okpbsix pa n kxihpknhspa (which I look upon to be the necessary as well as natural consequence of 3 htx ip bgzt yxisk'y gaspo) can any way 3 w n z s q s h n h matters 392. 5. wpl kwz pdaszlk abhzql ybq kwpk z y y z n k and to 5. wvd I must 5. qzyzq you for all m z k p v s l hv has not let me be ignorant of my having 5. vc fbi p kqiz y q v z c m hvkw kwz nepq hwblz p s s v p c n z p c m yqvzcmlwva v lb dinw n b i z k pim ipsiz, and I hope in God 5. fbi h v s s oz cbh kwz wpacvf vclkquidzck by pc icvbc o z k h v gk il lb x s b q v b i l ybq fbiq dplkzq pcm lb o z i z y v n v p s ybq fbiq nbickqf. I depend entirely 7. lcde hdla gnrv r e o calonepn de syxt dpprtxde, and that you will 7. vrh syn kydvn qnmdan syn s s 4. xe syn cadcnants and t s a d c z n t s freena, yn qnxez r 422. who looks I know fdan sd nttnesxrvt syre mdaft makes me chuse rather sd kaxsn sd hdla tnvm xe dla ersxln vrezlrzn syre sd yxftnvm xe one unknown to him. My heart has guided my pen in this letter, which, if it has the desir'd effect, I hope I shall 8. a e e f zsto it in my delob ve myto you the most oaaofvysw sfp qeftyfqoyfm dbeena of my true regard and kindness for you.

10 : m. v. i. q. c.—D.

To Mr. Elderly.

Dorso—Pro patria.

337. The Same to [Admiral Gordon].

[Translation—Original in French.]

[*c.* 1717.]

You know I am bad at the French, and I have nobody by me just now who I trust in business that is much better, so pray forgive this bad translation of my secretary, who I got since I came hither only, and was never in Britain.[1]

Monsieur,—By the advices which I have received since my last, I am informed of several things which, in my opinion, considerably change the methods we were proposing to follow. The interest of the King, my master, increases every day in England. Those who are for the present Government are so divided amongst themselves, that hardly could they ever be able to unite and agree. George, who is at the head of a party of Whigs, has lately sent to several Lords of the upper house and Commons, in order to demand their assistance to repress the insolence of his son, who is also at the head of another party of Whigs against him, and who has also sent to the same Lords, solicited by his father, to demand their assistance against enemies who wish to oppose his succession to the Crown. These two parties pay court to the Tories, as being capable of making the balance lean to the side which they favor; but these latter are resolved not to join themselves openly to either of the two parties, but only to assist now the one, and now the other, according as they shall find it to their own advantage. And it is on this account that George has been obliged to declare, that he will presently disband ten thousand men of his army in order to preserve the rest. It is to this the Whigs and discontented Tories were resolved to force him, and to

[1] This prefatory note is holograph of John Earl of Mar, and is in English. The letter is in French, and in another and unknown hand.

reduce the army to the same footing as it was heretofore wont to be in times of peace. It is this also which has obliged George to declare, at the same time, that he had ordered that an Act of Grace, or of amnesty, should be carried to Parliament, which he did evidently that he might be the first himself to propose with grace a thing which he has avowed the two parties would compel him to do, and he had actually spoken of it in the Chamber, as well as of the reduction of the army to its former establishment, before he had intimated anything about these questions to either of the parties. There are other things which we shall hear spoken of in a short time, and which the two parties wish to push against the Court, which can only be very advantageous to the King. Those presently employed in the Government under George are a band of violent people, who find themselves so hampered since the best heads of the Whig party left them by quitting their posts, that they have neither sufficient interest nor force to govern long. The Tories continue in the resolution of not taking any part in the Government, and wish rather that this hot-headed band should have the administration of it than the Prince's party. Thus they will assist the latter only for diminishing the power of the other, without displacing them, to be replaced by those of the party of the Prince. On the other hand, the latter are so irritated against the Germans, and against those who govern for the present, that, in order to avenge themselves, they join themselves in several things with the Tories, which affords ground to hope, with reason, that there will be some steps taken, even in this present Parliament, which should very much contribute to the service of the King, provided that the two parties are resolved to hinder the Court from embarking in any foreign war. This is the present situation of England, which I thought proper to let you know. And if once they had disbanded the ten thousand men, and that the Act of Grace or amnesty were passed, all things will be much more favorable for the King than they have ever yet been.

These ten thousand men will be very soon disbanded, if no new incident happen from without which shall give occasion to George to say that they are always in danger. And several of the friends of the King, by means of the Act of Grace or amnesty, could return to the country, where they will be much more useful to his Majesty than abroad, and that shall in nowise diminish their inclinations to his service.

Since the speech of George, the Court has given for news that the Duke of Ormond was in France, and that the King had returned from Italy, so that the disbandment of the ten thousand and the presentation of the Act of Grace are always deferred; but this pretext, however, cannot hinder long the execution, if they do not find some other thing to fortify their argument.

When I believed the departure of the Duke of Ormond for Sweden was necessary, we did not expect at that time the disbandment of the army in England, but now that the case is changed, it is needful that we take care to do nothing which can retard the execution of what the Government is engaged to do in this respect, to which, certainly, the journey of the Duke of Ormond to Sweden would put an obstacle, and his arrival there could not long be a secret, and it is what the Government would wish to discover in order to go out of its engagement.

By all that we learn lately of the behaviour of the King of Sweden, particularly of the refusal which he gave to the offers carried to him by P——i, it is not quite certain that he would give a favourable reception to the Duke of Ormond, if he had not better proposals to make to him; and a bad reception, in case he was received by his Swedish Majesty, would not fail greatly to damage the affairs of the King, as well in his own kingdoms as abroad. This is why, in my humble opinion, we ought not to risk it.

In order to make up for it by sending another to the King of Sweden, on the part of the King and of the Czar, your master, if it is found convenient

I have thought of a gentleman of your acquaintance who could acquit himself of this commission as well as the former, without fear of any of the inconveniences which there would be to apprehend for the other. It is the person whom you have seen in Holland, with another who was very soon afterwards taken away, and he who went into Sweden. He has from the King as full and as ample powers as those of the Duke of Ormond. He could make this journey secretly, without any one hearing it spoken of; and even in case it were spoken of, and that he might be ill received, or not received at all by the King of Sweden, that could not lead to any consequence. Besides the full powers which he has from the King, he will also have instructions from the Duke of Ormond, and from me, and also from the Queen, in case it be judged necessary, which will render him recommendable, and his journey of as great utility as that of the Duke of Ormond.

If the Czar, your master, finds it proper to charge him with some commission, he will acquit himself of it as the other, and will be able with more reality to make his way to the destined place. If he does not give him any commission, I apprehend, as I did for the other, that his journey shall be of no great use; if even he should carry on his part more considerable offers than those which he has sent to him up to the present time. Moreover, your master understands so well his own interests, that it is needless to give any advice upon what concerns them. But allow me, nevertheless, to show you a little the actual state of matters. If he insists on terms which the King of Sweden believes to be prejudicial to him,—what must be the consequence? Would the King of Sweden not be obliged to come to terms with George? which he may do by yielding up to him Bremen and Verdun, which certainly are not of so great consequence as the entire loss of Livonia. The King of Sweden sees this; therefore, supposing him to be inclined to make terms with your master at this dear price, to avenge himself of the affronts which he has

recently received from George,—he could not do so for his own subjects, the greater part of whom have always endeavoured to put him on good terms with George, and will press him, doubtless, now to agree with him; and George appears to desire it not less than they. If they come to an accommodation, will it not be necessary that George, on his side, should do anything for the King of Sweden for having had ceded to him Bremen and Verdun? and will not Bernsdorff and his other Ministers press him to join with Sweden against his Russian Majesty, in order to satisfy as much their own resentment as that of their master? Will it not then be very easy for these two Princes to engage the King of Denmark in their interests? And without doubt they will offer good terms to the King of Prussia, in order to make him believe that it is also his interest to join with them. The Tory party in the Parliament, in that case, will be somewhat troubled as to what shape foreign affairs may take; their chief uneasiness, and the motive for preventing a foreign war, being as to the subject of the King, whom they will believe, after the King of Sweden shall have quitted him, to be in a situation no longer to hope for help, unless they see some appearance of other powers coming openly to espouse his interests; and this party not declaring themselves, it will be in the power of the Court to obtain from the Parliament what supplies they shall desire in order to sustain George in his projects, and to support the expense of the war abroad. Does it not appear, then, the interest of your master to moderate his demands to the King of Sweden, and that promptly, in order to prevent him from entering into negociations with George, which cannot fail to be prejudicial to his Russian Majesty?

Affairs are presently in such a situation that the interests of our two masters appear to be the same.

I have lately had a communication from my master, who did not then know of the arrival of his Russian Majesty in France; but upon the intima-

tion I had given him of the obliging manner in which the Czar had acted on his account in Holland, upon the conclusion of the Swedish affair, as well as upon what passed before, he has testified the most grateful feelings ; and if he had known his Russian Majesty was in France, he would certainly have been at the trouble to have made his compliments to him, and thanks in his name, in the most obliging manner in the world. However that may be, he has ordered me to signify to you his true gratitude for the good manners of his Russian Majesty towards him, that he shall never forget them, and that he hopes to be one day in a position to respond thereto. I flatter myself that you will have the goodness to assure your master of this. As there is no person more capable of giving good advice than his Russian Majesty, so I am persuaded that there is none from whom my master would with more pleasure receive it, nor upon whose advice he would place more confidence. May I, then, presume to propose to you to endeavour to procure his good counsels for my master upon the conduct which he ought to follow in the present conjuncture ? According to my humble opinion, it is absolutely necessary that the fore-mentioned person should go on behalf of the King to inform the King of Sweden of the situation of affairs in England, and to make him understand how much easier his enterprise would very soon be than it had hitherto been, and to learn also from him what my master may expect from him. But, as I have already said, what can one expect from it, unless the Czar authorize the gentleman who is sent to make some propositions, which he shall believe to be more agreeable to him, and upon which they may agree. It does not appear that those which have been made to him already have been of that nature.

If the King of Sweden does not come to an agreement with the Czar, it is very likely that he will join with George ; but if he does not agree either with the one or the other, and still is willing to carry out his project in favor of my master, he will propose in that case, as has been already proposed,

that my master, on his re-establishment on the throne, shall be bound to join him in the recovery of all he has lost; and how could one refuse him, if my master sees no appearance of succour from any other quarter, and that he could not by his mediation set him at one with his Russian Majesty? But you know with what sentiments of gratitude my master has already acted towards the Czar, when it was proposed to him in general to league himself, on his accession to the Crown, against him as the enemy of the King of Sweden; and I am quite persuaded that it could never be, except with the utmost regret, and by an absolute necessity, that he will do anything which might in any way hurt or prejudice the interests of the Czar. I could wish with all my heart that a plan were proposed to discover in what manner my master and yours might be mutually useful to one another, supposing that the King of Sweden were conniving with George, or that he proposed to my master, in case he should agree with him, to oblige himself, upon his re-establishment by the assistance of Sweden, to go along with him for the recovery of everything that country had lost during the reign of this King.

By the information which I have had lately, I have reason to believe that there will be provided to my master, in case any foreign power espouse his interests, and declare for him, a good sum of money, which is a good article for such a plan. But for the rest, I do not presume to say more about it, until you will inform me of the sentiments of his Russian Majesty thereupon, in case he condescends to open his mind on this subject. But in reference to what we have said hereupon, it is certainly for the interest of our two masters, that the Czar and the King of Sweden come to an accommodation: and would not the most likely means for accomplishing this be to charge the Gentleman who goes to Sweden, not only with some new propositions from the Czar, but also with instructions to propose the mediation of the King between their Russian and Swedish Majesties, and an alliance between the three? and

if this Gentleman could say that the Czar had already accepted the first, and that he was disposed to agree to the second, that would influence the King of Sweden, so that he would see it to be his interest to consent to it, and would appear a way so sure for the issue of success of a confederation, which if anything might persuade the King of Sweden to cede by treaty to the Czar what he desires, that would most infallibly.

You see that in this case a good sum of money will not be wanting to prosecute what they may undertake. And what glory would it not be to the Czar, who would find himself at the head of this confederation, not only to assure to himself a great part of his acquisitions, but also to re-establish an injured prince, and to tranquillize in a manner the troubles of Europe? to make a powerful and intimate friend of this prince; and they two together, with other princes, who in that case would seek their friendship, would give law to all Europe. If once his Russian Majesty, the King of Great Britain, and the King of Sweden were to confederate, several other princes would join with them, and George would necessarily be their victim—he who has offended and insulted all the three. What would not happen if the confederation, instead of being made with the legitimate King of England, my master, should be made with George, who unjustly possesses his throne? for by the insurmountable divisions which exist between him and his son, and by the distractions and the disorders which his usurpation causes in England, and which shall always continue while my master or his lawful heirs shall live, England could never have in any alliance, either the tranquillity or the solidity which she would have under the government of her lawful King, and a native of the country.

I ask pardon for the trouble which the reading of this long letter will give you; but as you are to depart very soon, I thought it necessary, as much for acquitting myself of what I owe to my master, as for the very great

respect I have for yours, thus to set before you my ideas and opinions upon matters which very nearly affect them both, and in which both the one and the other must forthwith take some steps. If his Russian Majesty will kindly put himself to the trouble of hearing you explain the contents of this letter, and of ordering you to write me what he shall think of it, it will be not only a great satisfaction to my master, but also an instruction for the conduct of his subjects here, and for the steps which they ought to take in affairs which press so strongly, how difficult soever it may be to wait for the orders of the King at so great a distance.

We think that the Gentleman who is to go into Sweden had better depart direct from France, in a vessel which is ready to sail, upon which I would be glad to have your advice. Whatever route he takes, I hope the Czar will give him his passports.

Although the Duke of Ormond does not go into Sweden, as we at one time proposed, and may not continue his sojourn in France, it is however not judged expedient that he should go just yet to the King, but that he should remain incognito in some place in the country more near, until the return of the Gentleman who goes into Sweden, in order to be more at hand to return promptly, and without loss of time, where it shall be judged convenient, according to the answer which the King of Sweden shall give.

I have already indicated the orders which I had from the Queen Mother; if I had had the honour of seeing the Czar, I had compliments to make to him on the part of her Majesty; and it was only because she believed that I should very soon have had that honour, that she has not sent to make them by another, who would be able to appear in public. And if his Russian Majesty is agreeable, the Queen is always in the same intention, wishing extremely to mark to his Russian Majesty her gratitude for his good intentions towards the King her son, and for the good offices he has rendered to

him. I expect your answer upon this, that I may communicate it to the Queen.

I have already written to your Mr. Hooker to return here, if he finds it not inconvenient to depart from this; or, if he thinks another route better, that I might send him his instructions, with all other things necessary. If he should go from hence, he will pass by Brussels; and if you leave before his arrival, I might send him a letter at Brussels, to direct to him to go to find you where you shall judge convenient, in case you think that necessary.

Again I ask pardon for this long letter. I shall be impatient to receive news of you, and still more to see you. Who knows but it may be the last time in life; although I hope not, but that we shall see each other more than once, in joy and in health.

In case it may not be easy to the Czar, your master, to understand this letter in French, I send you a translation of it; and I would wish with all my heart to be able to speak his language.—Sir, without ceremony, although in France, Adieu.

338. LADY MARY GORDON, styled Duchess of Perth, third wife of James, styled Duke of Perth,[1] to [ADMIRAL GORDON.]

Saint Germains, the 25th of Jully 1717.

HAUING, Sir, ureat to yow tuice alredie uppon the subject of Mon^{sr}. Le Franc, recomended to yow by the Queen to intreat (by your crediet with his Majestie Czarrienne) you would endevor to get him a comission of a captaine of a ship,

[1] Lady Mary Gordon was the second daughter of Louis third Marquis of Huntly. The Duchess of Perth died at Saint Germain in March 1726, aged eighty years. Her elder son, by the Duke of Perth, Lord Edward Drummond, assumed the title of sixth Duke of Perth in 1757.

whiche he understands perfectly uele, hauing been imploy'd in that station in France all the last uar, and uould be still uer ther now annie service of that kinde here. But I would not, Sir, giue you the trublle of repeating thie dettaile muche mor fully expressed in my tuo former letters, if I did not aprehend them miscaried, it being a month very near since my furst. Soe in cace they bee not com to your hand, I must tell you the reson ther Majesties are soe earnest to provide for this Le Franc is, that he caried our King to Skotland with care and fidellitee, thogh hee uas very poor, and knew what great reward he might haue by betraying his trust; and his capacittie in sea affaires ansuers the rest: All whiche arguments, to be us'd to his Czarriene Majestie, will, I hope, joyn'd with your protection, procure what the Queen soe muche desires, and what she uill be soe muche oblidg'd to you for; and if my oun consideration can haue annie weight uith you, this uill intenesly oblidge, Sir,

Your most humble obediant servant and cosieng,

M. PERTH.

339. GENERAL DE DILLON to [ADMIRAL GORDON.]

Paris, the 26th December 1721.

SIR,—I execute with pleasure the King's commands, to acquaint you that he depends on your good offices near the Emperor you serv, who seem'd formerly uery well dispos'd in his Majesty's favor, and as he is much in better scituation since the honorable peace he made with Sweden, it's to be hoped he may be the easier prevaill'd upon to render the King essentiall services, and croune the great actions of his reign with the glory of restoring an injur'd Prince to the right of his ancestors. Certaine it is, that the dispositions of the people in England are exceedingly better then euer they have been to receave theire lawfull King, if any power on earth would send him to them with a guard of fiue or six thousand men, with armes and ammunition for twenty

thousand ; they have no other way to free themselves from ane odious usurpation and insupportable oppression. I have in my hands convincing proofs for what I advance ; yow can with security acquaint his Imperiall Majesty with the truth heerof.

Sir, I haue been long enough in the warr to acquire some judgment in enterprises. Yow may also safely tell him, that not only the King's but the people's hopes are fix'd upon his Imperiall Majesty's good and generous intentions. If the King be so happy as that yow can find his Imperiall Majesty dispos'd to thinke of his case, I shall be in a convenient situation to treat with Prince Dolhourouky whenever he hes orders for it, and shall be able to give him such authentick lights from the King and the Brittish nation as will give entire satisfaction. When you are pleas'd to favore me with your answer, address it by Prince Dolgorouky's channell. I am, with much esteem and sincerity,

Sir,

Your most humble and most obedient servant,

DE DILLON.

340. The SAME to [the SAME.][1]

Paris, the 26th December 1721.

SIR,—I execute with much pleasure the King's commands, in forwarding the inclosed to you, which giues me the opportunity of renewing our former acquaintance, and making you my compliment on the justice I'm inform'd his Czarish Majesty has lately render'd you, whereof I shall allways wish the emprouement for yours and your country's sake.

I know how far the King depends on your good offices near the Emperour

[1] This is a duplicate of the preceding letter with additions.

you serue, who seem'd formerly uery well disposed in his Majesty's fauour, and as he is much in better scituation since the honourable peace he made with Sweden, it's to be hoped he may be the easier preuail'd upon to render the King essential seruice, and crown the great actions of his reign with the glory of restoring an injur'd prince to the right of his ancestors. Certain it is that the dispositions of the people in England are exceedingly better than euer they haue been to receiue their lawfull King, if any power on earth would send him to them with a guard of five or six thousand men, with arms and amunition for twenty thousand. They haue no other way to free themselves from an odious usurpation and insupportable oppression. I haue in my hands conuincing proofs for what I aduance; you can with security acquaint his Imperial Majesty with the truth heireof. You know, sir, I haue been long enough in the war to acquire some judgement in enterprises. You may also safely tell him that not only the King's but the people's hopes are fixed upon his Imperial Majesty's good and generous intentions, hauing shewn all along, pursuant to the example of his ancestors, an auersion for usurpers, and a loue for the English nation. I wish Prouidence may order it so that his uiews and interests may not disagree from his Majesty's restoration. I haue some reasons for belieuing that the King of Sweden would not be auerse to joyn in it; but of these matters you are much a better judge, and therefore will refer them to you. However, if the King be so happy as that you can find his Imperial Majesty dispos'd to think of his case, I shall be in a conuenient scituation to treat with Prince Dolhourouky wheneuer he has orders for it, and shall be able to giue him such authentick lights from the King and the Brittish nation as will giue intire satisfaction.

When you are pleas'd to fauour me with your answer, address it by Prince Dolhorowky's channell, and inform me what is become of Sir Henry Sterling, whom I haue no account of these two years past: the King is uneasy for

him, and some packets that haue been address'd to him long ago, without any return.

Be pleas'd to excuse this trouble, and to belieue I am, with much esteem and sincerity,

Sir,

Your most humble and most obedient seruant,

DE DILLON.

The inclos'd is writ by the King's own hand.

341. The SAME to [the SAME.]

Sunday, 5th April 1722, N. S.

SIR,—The friend who is pleas'd to inclose this to you has iuform'd me of your owning the receipt of my precedent letter, and of your designing to direct correspondence by a different channell from that I made use of, yet, as the time is precious, and the remoteness great, I think proper to lose no time in giuing you an account of matters by which the former proposal may become more easy.

It appears to me that a connection of interests may probably unite Coalman and Kemp in this conjuncture, which shou'd render Knight's return easie, and the aduantage to be reapt from it by the two former uery secure. Upon this plausible foundation I thought it conuenient to benefit of an occation offer'd me by the return of a well dispos'd and understanding factor of Kemp's, who has managed some affairs of his here for a time. His factor agreed that his master's concerns seem'd to require the remoual of Herne out of Euans' farme, but sayd Kemp could not think of it in his present condition, if he be not back'd by your friend Coalman, and that it was euen requisit the motion shou'd be made by the latter; howeuer, he desired me to giue him a memorial for Kemp, to be presented if the occasion proues fauorable, as he

hoped it would, on which he designs to consult Gainly's partner, who remain'd a long time in Euans' family, and married a daughter of that house, which is of Jonston's club. This Gentleman is in great credit with Kemp.

I gaue such a memorial to the factor, in which I explain'd the facilitys of compassing the point by an embersley of six thousand south scroop-ly disposed on the coast, at or about Gottembourg, and to be rendered at his choice to Mrs. Euans or Mrs. Story. I engaged for mantles to answer the alms and aples, for full powers to make the bargains in Knight's behalf, and for a ready union of Euans' relations. The willingness of that family is such as cannot be well conceiu'd, and hardly but one uoice for Knight's cause to come on this terme.

I thought it of absolute necessity to giue yow early notice of this step, but will obserue that I made no mention of any aduances us'd near Coalman, tho' I promis'd to haue some made to that purpose.

Permit me to giue here my kind seruice to S. H. S—g, who has an account book, whereof yow will haue occasion, to giue you a clear uiew of matters.

I remain, with entire esteem and sincerity,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble seruant,

DUTTON.[1]

[Dorso—Du Dillon, 1722.]

342. The SAME to [the SAME.]

SIR,—The bearer is a uery good friend of mine, and a particular acquaintance of the factor Mr. Jeremy had here last year, and is gone home some time ago. He was inuited in a most pressing manner by that factor to uisit your quarters, where he had been formerly with the D. of O. The bearer consulted

[1] A fictitious signature.

Mr. Charles on the matter, and desired his permission to make the journey. The latter agreed to the proposal, and directed me to benefit of the opportunity in sending by him some fresh instances to Mr. Jeremy, which could not be so well confided to the post in these suspicious times. I recommend him to your friendly offices in that place, being fully persuaded of his worth and attention to deserue your esteem. I desire the same fauour for him by your mediation near Sir H. S.,[1] to whom I pray my most kind and humble seruice. I shall own the fauours both shall haue the occasion to do this Gentleman as a particular obligation. Please to belieue I am, with the sincerest esteem and friendship,

Sir,

Your most humble and most obedient seruant,

DUTTON.

343. The Honourable Captain JOHN HAY of Cromlix, afterwards titular Earl of Inverness, to [the SAME.]

Rome, February 24th, 1725.

SIR,—Tho' the knowledge you have of the country where yow now live, as well as of the situation of the King's affairs, may render anything that I may say to you useless upon the letter the King has thought fitt to write to the Czar, which you'll find inclosed, with one from his Majestie to yourself, yet it may not be amiss that I inlarge a little upon some particulars.

It is fitt you should know that the King's interest in England, as well as Scotland, was never in so florishing a condition as it is att present; tho' pains has been taken to make it appear otherwise, of which the King's enemyes are glad to take advantage, by representing att forreigne Courts that the tranquillity the Government now enjoys proceeds from timidity and a declineing

[1] Sir Henry Stirling of Ardoch, son-in-law of Admiral Gordon.

of the party, of which they'll find themselves much mistaken when a proper time offers for the King to summond his friends to assert his right.

In delivering the King's letter, a great deall will depend upon the facilities which you may be able to propose to the Czar for the execution of what the King desires of him. The number of troops can never be ane objection, tho' they are as many as will undoubtedly do the work, of which the King has the strongest assurances from his friends in England.

The place proposed for embarkation is indeed att a distance, and the voyage pritty long; but its being so retired, and the facility of hindering of intelligence from thence is of the greatest advantage, and the indifferency there is in what part of the island the landing be, and the surprize their comeing upon the coast would give, makes the length of the voyage less to be minded; besides, as they come threw a large open sea, where they would not be lyable to meet with English men of war, a very small escort would be necessary for the transports, such as two frigats, which might be sent threw the Sound att different times to join the transport ships att sea. As for the expence, you'll see by the King's letter to the Czar that his Majestie proposes to advance five and twenty thousand Spanish pistolls, and besides, he is willing to enter into ingadgements for the repaying the whole expence the Czar shall be att in that expedition after his restoration; to enter into a treaty of commerce aduantageous for the Czar; and to settle such articles as may tend to the forwarding the Czar's just designs, and settling peace in the north, such as may be most agreeable to the Czar.

As for any difficulties which may occur to the Czar from the apprehension he may ly under of meeting with opposition from France, Spain, or Holland, these ought to haue no weight with him, since it is certain that the two first had much rather that the King was upon the throne of Brittain than the Duke of Hannover: the Ministers are certainly well disposed for the King, but the con-

fusion D. of Orleans left affairs in, as well as the ingadgements he had made, which could not easily be broke, and the desire they have to ly quiet and shun a war, makes them unwilling to be actors in the King's affairs, tho' they would not be the less pleased to see the King's restoration effected, and I am perswaded they would run faster than one imagines to give a helping hand to finish the work.

The Dutch are in such a situation, so drounded in debt, and in a manner bankrout, that they durst not do anything in opposition to the King's interest, besides that, they are now in no good terms with England, because the D. of Hannover does not oppose heartily the progress of the Ostend Company, which, if it goes on prosperously, will undoubtedly be their ruin.

And to perswade the Czar of the facility he would meet with in this undertaking, the representing to him the present situation of the Government of England must go a great way towards it; a paper credit is their only support, the very noise of the landing would sink their fonds to nothing, their Bank would be shut up in four days. Adieu then to Government; their ministers nor officers would not obey them; every one would be seeking to gett a little money in his pocket, and be glad to make ten pound of his right to one thousand in the funds. The common people, as well as the nobility, would be charmed to see this schene, and be glad to take up arms in hopes of delivering themselves from those heavy taxes which they are now obliged to pay to support the publick credit, and pay the interest of so much money for which the Government is indebted, and which they will never be able to acquit. Scotland was never so well disposed as att present; the Cameronians would be amongst the first to take arms, the Highlanders are ready to a man, and not ill armed, and the King has as many arms as would make them make a noble figure.

Fifeteen or twenty thousand stand of arms would be necessary to be

carryed along with the Czar's troops; but as the execution of this project cannot be proposed to be but in summer, and that were the Czar never so willing, it can scarce be done this year, wee have time enough before us to settle matters of that nature, tho', could the thing be gone about this year, it is fitt you should know that friends in England want no warning to putt them in readiness to profitt of the first foreigne force that may land: eight days warning is sufficient to putt matters in such a situation as that their should be a general riseing over the whole island upon the first noise of the troops being upon the coast.

The Czar has already gained the reputation of the greatest Prince in Europe: ane attempt of this nature would make him immortal. England would be glad to grant him anything he could ask of them, and he would have but to make his own terms.

Now, to finish, I shall add here a thought which I hope wont disagree with the Czar's views. Every body looks upon the Duke of Holstein as the future king of Sweden. The good dispositions of the people of that country towards him are well known to you, as well as the usage the King of Denmark has given him, which must vindicate anything that Prince can do against that King's interest, were the Czar to send his troops with the D. of Holstein att the head of them to conquer Norway. I beleive it would be a thing not only practicable, but easy. Sweden would not oppose such ane undertakeing in hopes of seeing the power of that country one day united to their own. What a noble opportunity there would be here for executeing at the same time the Archangel project! The landing of troops in Brittain would putt a stop to England's sending any ships to oppose the Czar's designe in Norway, were he apprehensive of any opposition from that quarter, which I beleive he need not be. But att the same time it would strick a thorrow terror to the Government of England, who would see themselves continually exposed

to ane invasion or reinforcement of the Czar's troops from any part in Norway; and these two projects executed together would produce the noblest effect imaginable for the King's, as well as the Czar's interest, and cannot certainly be undertaken att a better time than when the present indolence of the French and Spanish Courts would att worst oblige them to a newtrality, tho', in all human probability, they would second the Czar's designs when once begun, their interest leading them so apparently to do so.

I have nothing further to add to what Captain Hay will mention to you by word of mouth, only to desire from the King that yow would represent to his Imperial Majesty what you may think most conduceing to ingadge him to enter heartily into the measures proposed by the King, and that either by word of mouth or by writeing, as shall be most convenient, and shall tend most to the good of the service, always conforming yourself to the contents of his Majestie's letter to the Czar, and the King's and mine to yow, which is all the instruction can be sent you att present.

I refer you likewise to Captain Hay's instructions, which he will communicate to yow, as to the delivery of the King's letters to the Duke of Holstein and Admiral Saunders.

I am glad of this opportunity of assureing you in a most particular manner of my most humble respects.—I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient and most humble servant,

JOHN HAY.

344. The SAME, under the name of "J. EDWARDS," to [the SAME.]

387. June 2, 1725.

SIR,—About eight weeks ago Mr. Williams write to you by the address you sent him, under cover to your merchant at Milton, where was inclosed a letter

of 69, 10, 80, 97, 75, 119, 25, 38, 128, 48, to Mrs. Kent, and one to 181, and since your letter to Mr. Bond of 27th, 403 is come safe. 173 does not know who you mean by Mr. Perrin's friend, but beleives it to be Manson. If so, I refer you to what Kelly will have delivered to you in relation to him, where you'll see how much Mr. Bond depends upon Manson's good offices and advice.

In the present situation the affairs in these parts are, Mrs. Gumley could not faill of meeting with 37, 28, 3, 90, 28, 41, 105, 80, 69, 25, did the 13, 38, 4, 25, 33, 99, 37, 6, 48 something for 173. The Rudder made betwixt Dick and Potter shows what real friendship there is amongst the 5, 72, 44, 80, 128, 25, 3, of this part of the world is but of a short standing. 376 seems resolved to break entirely with Buckney, and 303 has on his part been tyred out expecting the 93, 48, 97, 90, 37, 41, 44, 10, 38 of Limner. The 369 have managed their 291 strangely, and matters are in such a situation in relation to 352, that this seems to be the properest time that has happen'd these f . q . years past for 298. Since Limner cannot pretend now to be in firm friendship with any 5, 10, 40, 25, 72 whatsoever. Their late proceedings at home has gain'd them the 20, 105, 41, 33, 48, 4, of the generality of the Hawthorn yet more than formerly. They have taken away the privileges of Barclay, which 361 declare themselves ready to resent. They have given a 28, 88, 16 of Gartland to Knox without almost giving a reason for it, which 363 looks upon to be a robbing of them in open sunshyne. They have passed 105, 8, 90, 119, 35 for 4, 44, 3, 37, 72, 16, 90, 80, 7, the Caband of Holmes which is of a double advantage to Cavers, providing an 250 can soon be made, first it shows how much Nelwood is affrayd of the 342, and consequently exposes their own weakness to the 28, 13, 8, 90, 25, 69, 41, 3 of 352, and then it irritates Caband to a great degree. All these things consider'd, never was there such an opportunity for pushing Maxton. Robison have asked Mr.

Bonds 289[s] how to behave on this occasion. They are ready to 88, 80, 4, 25, 72, 41, 105, 6, 48, any thing, and it would be an easy matter for them to prevent the 37, 128, 99, 16, 37, 4, 25 against them taking effect for many moneths, could they have any hopes of being 3, 13, 5, 26, 75, 33, 99, 25, 97, afterwards. We are hopeful that Mrs. 180[s] designs are such that the execution of them will 97, 25, 35, 44, 127, 48, 72, them. But even putting the supposition that nothing can be done from Arthur this Morris, and that 342 are 128, 90, 3, 105, 33, 93, '8, in as far as 320 will have it in their power to do it. The delivering of a small 38, 13, 16, 8, 25, 72 of Kettleby to them will make the consequences of that 37, 69, 99, rather a 272 than Adams to the 7, 10, 134, 48, 72, 80, 16, 25, 38, 41, even afterwards, since Caband, in whose hands they will be put, will be more keen, and use 41, 15, 25, 16 with more 69, 10, 88, 33, 37, 7, 48, in Dalton, after the affront that has been put upon them by 320.

I hope the case will not happen that anything will be 249 by Lauder for the recovery of his Belly and 298, not be thought of at the same time. If so I am perswaded it will be found, when it is too late, that the chief article for making their other 5, 72, 10, 90, 25, 69, 41, 3, easy, has been neglected.

I have just received a letter from Mr. Mansel from Colbert, from whence he was to set out to joyn you as soon as possible. So reckoning that you will have seen him before yow receive this, I leave what goes before to be explain'd by what he caries.

There was a 279 lately sent from Goldsman to your parts, which was deliver'd by some of Mr. Williams's friends there to Nelson. By that Hislop a greater number of Dennison was asked than would be necessary to Purden Mr. Bond. But those who sent it do suppose that it will be as easy for M. Gumley to send g, 1, q, t, w, Norbon as to send l, and, indeed, some people are of opinion that, considering the 71, 25, 33, 16, 48, 38, 99, the 80,

105, 41, 90, 10, 80 is in. Mr. William's presence with a few Miller and 235 would do the business. But this is not thought advisable for 173 to undertake, considering the encouragement he receives from the present dispositions in 416, as to which I hope in God Mr. Bond won't meet with a disappointment.

If Roberts be with you, be so kind as to make my kind compliments to him. 173 longs to hear from Mr. Lilly after Malcolmb's arrival.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient and most humble servant,

J. EDWARDS.

345. The SAME to the SAME.

June 23rd, 1725.

SIR,—I wrote to you three weeks agoe. I have not heard from you since Capt. Hay gave ane account of his arrival at Pettersburg. I hope to hear fully from you as soon as you have deliver'd the letters to the Empress. I cannot expect that this will find you at Pettersburg, since we are inform'd that yow are to go to the fleet. However, I doe not thinke it amiss to inform you of a circumstance that ought to give the greater encouragement to the Empress to doe somthing for the K— without loss of time,—it is the consequence of the Act past for disarming the Hylanders, which, by the accounts we have, will be oppos'd by them to the very last. The troupes sent doune for that purpose from England will facilitate very much ane invasion there; for the Hylanders being in motion will not only keep their troops in Scotland, but the English Ministry will be obliedg'd to encrease their forces. This, joyn'd to the d— of K— absence, furnishes a noble opportunity for finishing the K— restoration. The K— desires you to make his compliments to the d— H. upon his marriage.

346. The SAME to the SAME.[1]

June 23, 1725.

SIR,—I wrote to you three weeks ago. I have not heard from you since. Malcomb gives an account of his arrival at Milton. I hope to hear fully from Lilly as soon as he has deliver'd the Nasbys 179, carried. I cannot expect that this will find 203 at 326, since we are inform'd that he is to 69, 75, 93, 16, 37, 80, 4, 105, 8, 10, 37, 33, 97, the 421. However, I don't think it amiss to inform you of a circumstance that ought to give the greatest encouragement to M.s Kent to do something for Williams without loss of time,—it is the consequences of the 105, 128, 99, 5, 37, 3, 41, for 4, 90, 28, 37, 72, 16, 44, 38, 7, 342, which, by the accounts we have, will be 10, 5, 26, 75, 28, 25, 97, by them to the very 119, 37, 3, 41. The 221 sent down for that purpose from Limner will facilitate very much an 250 there, and the Caband being in motion will not only keep Norbon in Holmes, but Nelwood will be obliged to encrease their 80, 88, 16, 8, 48, 72. This, join'd to 319.s absence, furnishes a noble opportunity for finishing 298. I wish you all manner of success in every thing you undertake. Mr. Bond desires you would make compliments from him to Lauder upon his 93, 37, 33, 72, 90, 102, 7, 25.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient and most humble servant,

EDWARDS.

347. The SAME to the SAME.

August 25th, 1725.

SIR,—My last letter to you was of the 4th August, where I acknowledged the receipt of one of Kelly's of the 19th Filmore. Since that time I have

[1] This letter, which is written partly in cypher, appears to be the same as the preceding, and thus No. 345 becomes a key to several of the cyphers used in the correspondence of the Earl of Inverness.

received no letter from your parts, and think it fit now that you should be inform'd that what has lately happen'd at 110, 49, 37, 3, 7, 10, 40, by those who were formerly reckon'd very much attached to 319, is a plain proof of the discontent people of all kinds are under against 320, and how ready they would be to deliver themselves out of their hands. It may very well happen that the quelling of 41, 20, 90, 28, 16, 75, 49 may occasion Nelwood's not being able this Morris to go through with their 97, 44, 3, 105, 33, 93, 90, 80, 7, the 342, which they would never be able to compass, if Mr. Williams durst venture to send his 289^{s} to them to make 10, 5, 26, 75, 28, 90, 41, 44, 75, 38, and it would be a lucky thing if Mr. Bond could be encouraged from Milton to do so. 173 is uneasy when you don't write, therefore I wish you would lay down for a rule, even tho' you have nothing particular to say, to let me hear from you always once a fortnight. All the family are well, and will be soon going to the countrey, a few myles from this. If Malcomb be set out from 326, I have yet heard nothing of it. The grumblings betwixt Potter and Knox continue still: I wish when they fall out together that Mr Kent does not fall in with the last. Tho' Buckney should enter into 319^{s} measures, and humour him for a time, yet 'tis likely, were it to cost them entering into Bonkel, they would drop Knox on that occasion, and as perhaps there may be measures taking to engage M. Gumley into Knox's views, which 372 can only be capable of doing, I hope 180 will consider whether 3, 15, 25 would not run a risque of being left in the lurch.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient and most humble servant,

J. Edwards.

348. The SAME, now EARL OF INVERNESS, to the SAME.

December 15th 1725.

SIR,—I send you here inclosed, as promised you by last post, a full power to treat and conclude with the Empress of Russia's ministers what you may think for the advantage of the King's interest, and may contribute to the establishing a strick union betwixt his Majesty and the Empress. As for instructions, the King can send no other than what he sent by Captain Hay. If a treaty be proposed to you to be entered into immediately, you must conform yourself to former treaty concluded betwixt England and Muscovy, which is all the King can say, till he knows what is proposed by the Empress's ministers.

I shall expect to know from you the particulars of the allyance betwixt the Empress and your Court, which is believed by every body to be concluded.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient and most humble servant,

INVERNESS.

349. UNSIGNED LETTER, apparently a copy, in the handwriting of ADMIRAL GORDON.

January 19th 1726, N.S.

SIR,—I have receav'd the K—s directions to correspond freely with you of his affaires, and in order to enable me to write with the greater safety, Mr. Hay sent me your cipher, of which I make use in this letter; at the same time, Mr. Hay acquaints me that care hade been taken to signify to you the K—s pleasure on this head.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I embrace this first opportunity of

assuring of you that no one has a greater sense of your personall abilitys and integrity than myself, and beg that you will believe me ready on all occasions to give you the strongest proofs of the sincerity with which I designe to cultivate your friendship.

I presume Mr. Hay has inform'd you that for some time past I have been in the service, and that pursuant to the K—s commands and the desire of his friends in E—d, I have been at this court soliciting the E—r to engage in the cause, and demonstrating the facility with which the K—s re—on might be effectuated, if the E—r would take us under his protection. 6000 men landed from Os—d to support the general disafection of E— D— S—d, and I—d, would accomplish this great event without the least doubt or difficulty. I find the ministers here every day more and more irritated against the H—r allyance, and desirouse to prevent the ill consequences of it by the K—s r—ou ; but at the same time unwilling to run any risque or make any attempt without thoroughly supported by other princes, who may be able at all events to counterballance the power of France, E—d, and Prussia, in case of a miscariage in the affaire. Spain has already declar'd his resolution to act a parte in so glorious aue enterprise, and would the E—sse be of the same sentiments, and order her minister heer to press this Court on the same head, I am very certaine we would not faylle of success. I know you have not been wanting on your parte to engage the E—sse in our interrest, and by what I learn from R—m your endeavors have not been ineffectuall. I can assure you nothing will be more serviceable to the cause than her pressing the E—r at this juncture to embrace our party, and I am persuaded that the E—sse remonstrances in our favor would entirly finish the worke, and that we should soone see the good fruits of them.

I receav'd some posts agoe a letter for yow from Mr. Hay, which he would have me transmitte to you by some sure channell. It containes a paper of

great consequence. I shall deliver it to the R—an Resident, who will transmitt it by the first safe opportunity.

I have reason to expect some further explication from this Court in a few dayes, in answer to a memorial which I have deliver'd, and which I thinke will obliedg them to speak plaine. As soon as I gett any further light you may depend upon hearing further from me.—I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

Dorso—Vienna, Breval, January 19th, N.S., 1726.

350. W[illiam] H[ay] to Admiral Gordon.

Rome, February 2d. 1732.

This acknowledges the receipt of my dear Admirall's letter of the 14th of September, by Captain Nansum. Mr Williams received likewise that of the 17th of August which you mention. I did expect you would have writt me by the same oppurtunity, or by the adress I gave you to Paris. I received your letter by Captain Nansum the former year, which you'r anxious to know, and am heartly sorry Captain Clerk did not arrive in the ordinar time, by whom I writt yow a long letter acknowledgin all yours, and sent a box of flowers, which I hope are still forthcoming; but in case by some unlucky accident my Lady Sterling should be dissapointed, I have now sent a box of the finest I could procure, with 2 white roses, as alsoe in the box, I have putt up a small wooden box, containing 2 rings of the Order of Tobosa—such as all the knights wears; one for yourself, the other for my dear Sir Harry, which although a triffle in their value, I beg your acceptance. We knights daily, after drinking the healths of the Royall family, a fair meeting on the green follows—our tuo young Princes are protectors of the Order, and wear the rings,

which I hade the honour to present them with, on my arrivall last summer from Naples, where I hade them made. They are the most lively and engaging tuo boys this day on earth. Pray God preserve them long. I made your compliments to Sir George Keith, and delivered your letter. He writt you about 8 days agoe an answear. Yow may readily imagine the satisfaction we have of his company on many accounts, which I cannot express att present. He has the esteem of all that has the honour to be knowin to him, and may be justly stiled the hero of our cause. He, with Sir William Maxweall, Sir William Livingston, the Grand Master, whom I should have given the first place, join in their hearty service to all our brother knights with you. Lord Dunebar he desires me to make you his compliments. Lord Inverness and Lady are still att Avignon, where they have bean for ten moneths past; these persons are unlucky not to be much in esteam with the generality of the King's friends, and verry odd management they are charged with, though noe treachery, yett the King still continues his esteam and reguard for him. About 2 moneths agoe some sudden turu and resolution seized him and lady to turu Roman Catholiks and make their publick abjuration; this is a peace of conduct surpriseing to all, aud will justly lessen him in the esteam of those feu friends he hade. I shall not enter into the reall manner of his conviction or meritt he has by it, but am perswaded it was doeing his master noe seruice thereby, which should haue been considered—it's certainly struck him out from being about the King, or employed by him again in the manner he was formerly. As to neuis, Sir Charles Wager, long lookt for, came to Livorne, and landed in conjunction with the Spanish Admirall the 6000 men. Don Carlos came by land to Antibes with a great retinue, and from thence to Livorn with the gallys, since his landing was takin ill of the small-pox, but is out of all danger, but not as yett appeared abroad. Now at last the Quean of Spain has accomplished all her desires by great industry and vast sums of

money. The Dutchess of Parma was never with child; only a politick of the German Court had oblidged her to give it out for to gain time for their better designs. It was thought unbecoming of her and character to submitt to such policy, but you see there is no resisting from the greatest ladys, where interest is concerned. I'm oblidged to you for the accounts you give of all my friends. I beg the favour you'll remember me most kindly to them all, and pray my humble respects to my Lady Sterling and Mrs. Mary and Sir Harry. I wish them heartly a merry neu year. When you have an opportunity make my compliments acceptable to my Lord Duffus, Mr. Saunders, and honest Robin Littell. Acquaint him I shall always be ready to doe him all the good offices I can. I writt him a small note, which you'll deliver. Lett me have all the neus you can from your pairts, and believe me unalterably,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient and faithfull humble servant,

W. H.

Captain Dove is removed to Florence, soe derect in his absence to Signor Luca, Pazzagle, with Mr. Philip Huggins.

351. Lieutenant-General James Keith, afterwards Marshal, to Admiral Gordon.

Javorof, February 20th, O.S., 1735.

My dear Admiral,—I ask you a thousand pardons for not having congratulated you sooner on the happy successe of your expedition to Danzig. All the Poles that I have seen assures me that the so sudden surrender of the toun was entirly owing to the appearence of the fleet, which cut of all hopes of succours, and that therefore they look on you as the main instrument of

the loss of their liberty, for that is their ordinary term for us who have been emploied on this side of Poland. They have no great occasion to be angry with us, having never had the opportunity of doing them much harm, thanks to the swiftness of their horses; and now we are in a fair way of a peace. The Palatin of Kiove, who commands the Croune army in cheif, has ask'd a suspension of arms, which has been granted him, and I believe before now he has acknowledged King Augustus, for yesterday a courrier of his past carrying orders to the Governour of Kaminick to make his garison take the oaths to that King. There is still two other little armies in this country, with whom the treaties are not so far advanced: one commanded by the Staroste Jaselski, whom they have chosen Marêchal-General of their confideration; and another by the Palatin of Volinie; but both these must in a short time follow the example of the other, who has submitted with the few regular troops belongs to this Crown, the other two armies consisting only of the gentry who have taken arms, and the militia of the provinces. For myself, I'me here in quarters in a village four milles from Zolkief, where Prince James Sobieski lives, who is inconsolable for the death of the Queen, his daughter. I really thought he shou'd have died when we acquainted him with it, and ever since he has hardly been out of bed, so that I'me affraid her death will soon be the occasion of his; and as none of our Princes has the indigenat in Poland, they can succeed to nothing of his estate. He spoke to me the other day to know if I thought that the Empresse, at his solicitation, wou'd be so good as to write to the King of Poland to procure it to the Duke of York, in which case he wou'd write to the Empresse to beg such a recommendation. I told him that I shou'd acquaint you with the proposal, and that having been always employed by the King in his affairs with Russia, you wou'd consult those of the Ministers whom you thought most favourable to see if such a recommendation cou'd be obtained; but if any thing is to be done, it must be quickly,

for, in the condition the Prince Royalle is in, I don't think it possible he can live many months. Pray let me have the answer to this as soon as possible, and do me the justice to believe me, with an unalterable freindship and esteeme,

My dear Admiral,

Your most obedient and most humble servant,

JAMES KEITH.

352. LOUIS LANDGRAVE OF HESSE to [ADMIRAL GORDON.]

[TRANSLATION—Original in French.]

SIR—I am delighted with the dear souvenir of your Excellency, and that Mr. Fulleron assures me that you are tolerably well. I wish with all my heart that your Excellency may always enjoy the most perfect health: I shall feel a real interest as to that; and it will do me a sensible pleasure to find occasions of testifying to you the care which I have for everything that can afford pleasure to your Excellency. I have recommended Mr. Fulleron to our army, and particularly to Field-Marshal the Count of Munich, and I am persuaded that he will find all those attractions which a brave young cavalier can wish for, and the engagement which he seeks. Moreover, I assure your Excellency that I am, and shall always be, with a very particular consideration,

Sir,

Of your Excellency the very humble servant and friend,

LOUIS LANDGRAVE OF HESSE.

St Peterburg, 6 June 1738.

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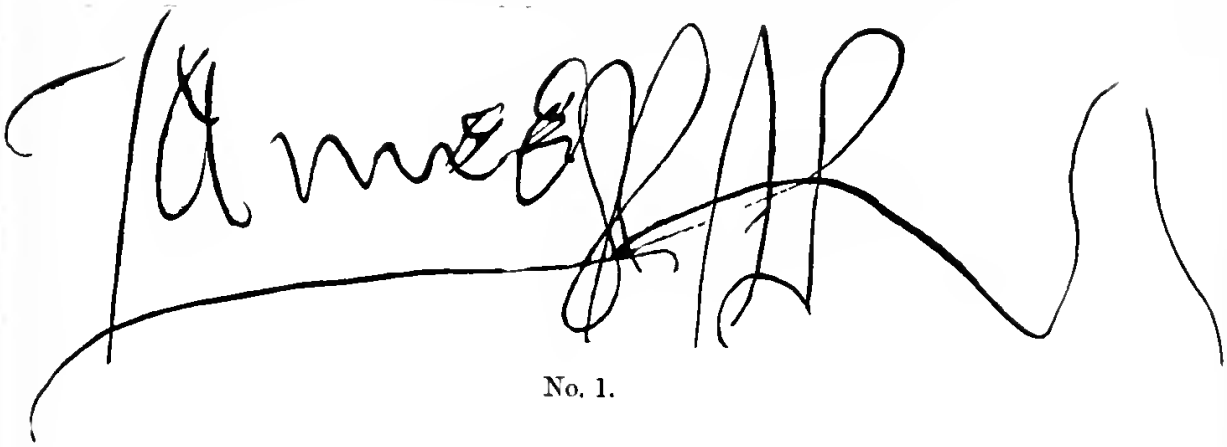

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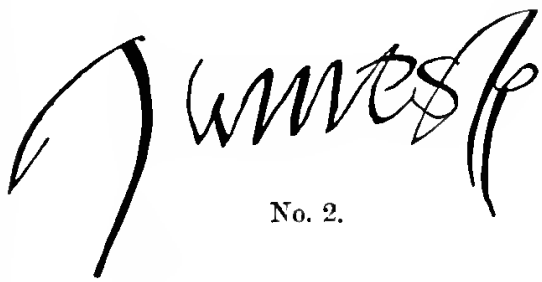

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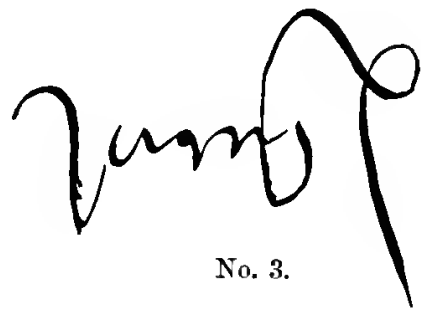

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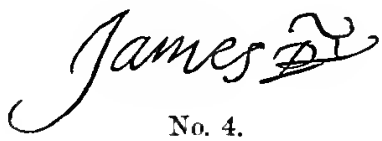

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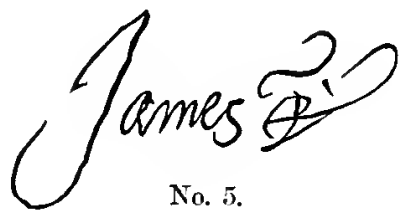

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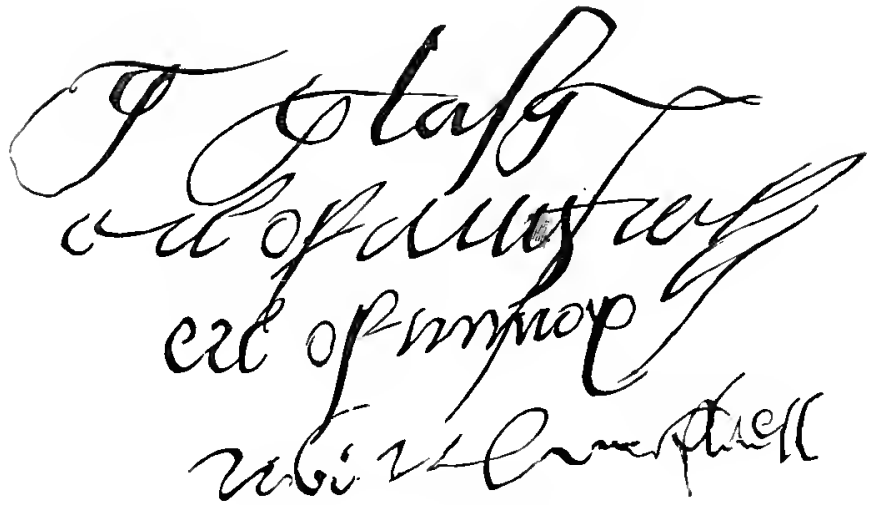

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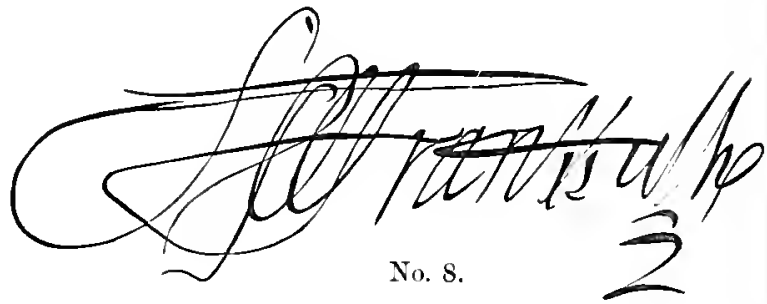

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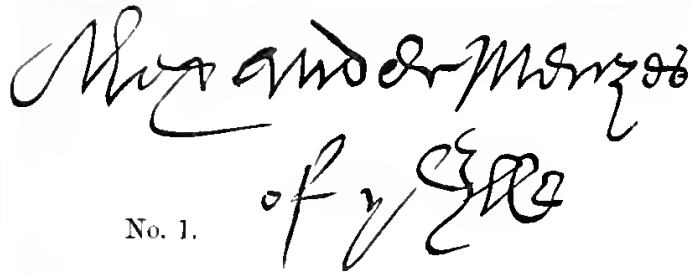

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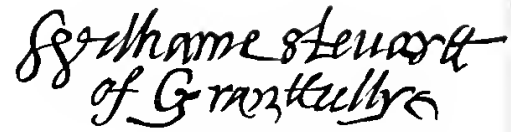

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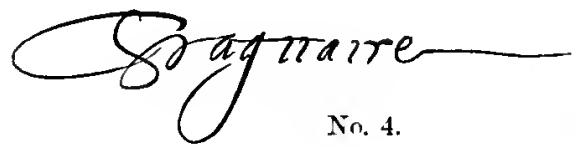

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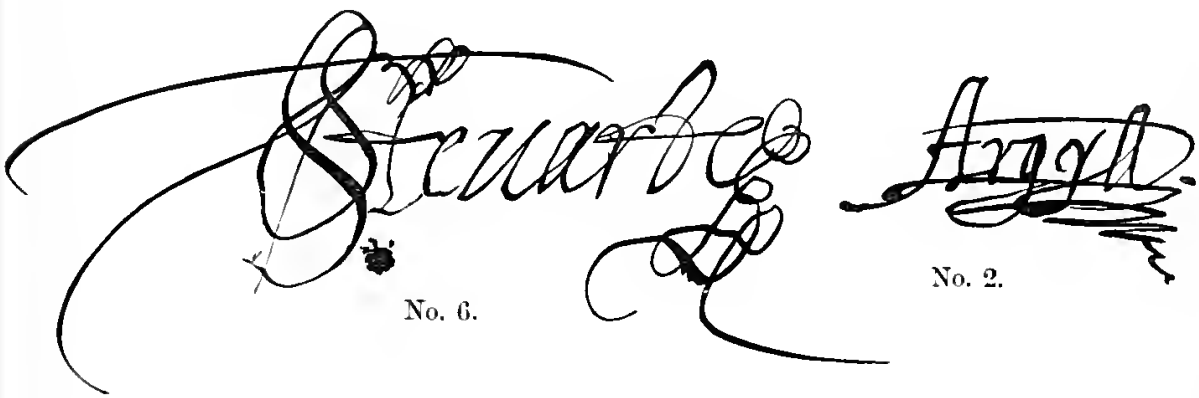

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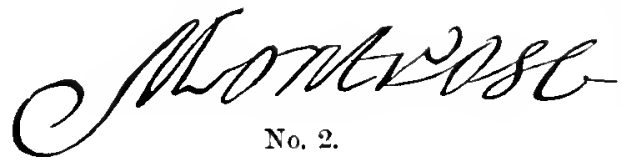

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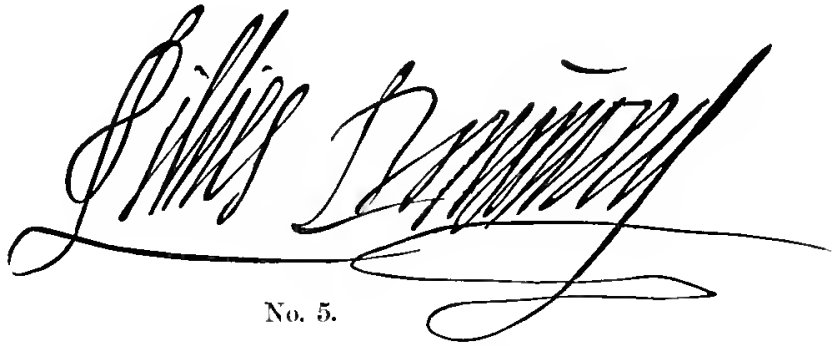

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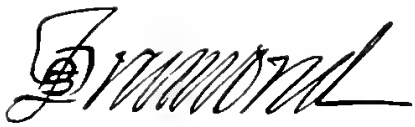

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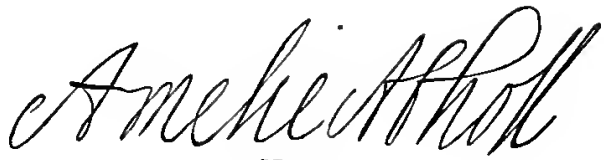

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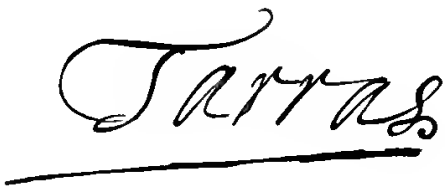

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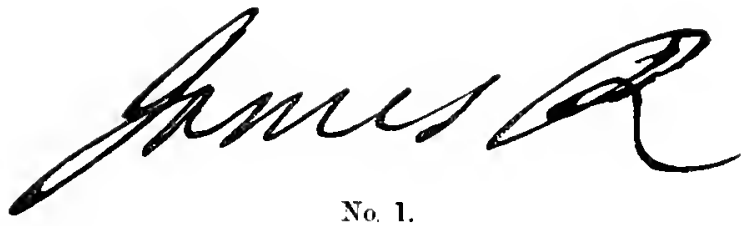

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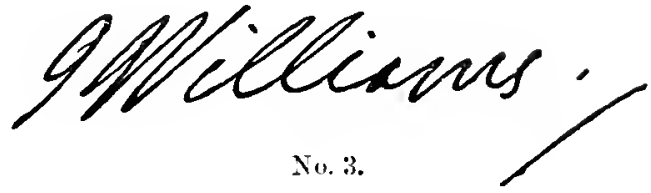

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